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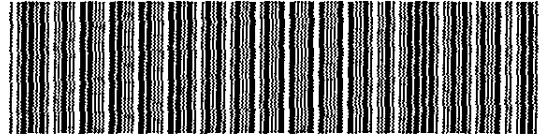
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IN RE: Articles of Incorporation  
ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation together with a check in the amount of \$78.75 for the filing fee for:

ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER, INC.

I am enclosing a copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a self addressed stamped envelope so you may return same to me as verification of receipt and processing.

I would appreciate any effort you may expend to expedite the filing of this entity and if you should have any questions please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Very truly yours,



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SUBJECT: ISLAMIC EDUCATION CENTER  
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The name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an administratively dissolved/revoked entity. Names of administratively dissolved/revoked entities are not available for one year from the date of administrative dissolution/revocation unless the dissolved/revoked entity provides the Department of State with a notarized affidavit stating that they have no intention of reinstating, therefore, releasing the name for use to another entity.

**Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.**

The name of the corporation must contain a corporate suffix. This suffix may be: CORPORATION, CORP., INCORPORATED, or INC. Sections 617.0401(1)(a) and 617.1506(1), Florida Statutes, prohibits the use of the word COMPANY or CO. in the name of a non-profit corporation.

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**The Articles of the Islamic Education Center Of Daytona Beach, Inc.**

**Preamble**

The Holy Qur'an is the full and final divinely revealed constitution for mankind.

It is also the text book of the Islamic faith and the source of the Divine Laws and Commandments for the Muslims,

with the Sunnah (the authentic sayings and actions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, along with the way he implemented the religion.) and the Sunnah of our righteous ancestors (the Companions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him) may Allah be pleased with them all.

The Islamic Education Center of Daytona Beach, Inc. hereby unequivocally affirms the Holy Qur'an (the book of the Islamic faith) and the Sunnah (the authentic sayings and actions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, along with the way he implemented the religion.) and the Sunnah of our righteous ancestors (the Companions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him may Allah be pleased with them all.), as its eternal and ultimate constitution.

**Following are lesser laws and regulations meant for the governs of the affairs of the Islamic Education Center Of Daytona Beach, Inc.:**

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

**SECTION 1:** The name of this organization shall be the Islamic Education Center of Daytona Beach, Inc., hereafter referred to as the Center and/or the Masjid and School.

**SECTION 2:** The center shall have a seal depicting the following: The Islamic Education Center of Daytona Beach, Inc..

## ARTICLE II: NATURE

1. The center shall be a non-profit, Islamic, religious organization, The address of the initial principal office shall be 1830 South Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach, Florida, 32119
2. All religious ceremonies conducted in the name of the Center will be according to the Holy Qur'an (the text book of the Islamic faith) and the Sunnah (The authentic sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, along with the way he implemented the religion) and the Sunnah of our righteous ancestors (the Companions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him).
3. All other activities conducted by the Center will not deviate from the guidance of the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, and the Sunnah of the righteous ancestors (as described above).

## ARTICLE III: DEFINITIONS

The following definitions, in accordance with all other Islamic terminologies, established by the Islamic Shari'ah (Islamic Jurisprudence) shall be used in conjunction with the definition of the Center's rules as defined in the By-Laws.

### SECTION 1: MUSLIM

**A Muslim shall be defined as one who:**

**A. Believes in Allah as the One and the Only True God worthy of worship:**

**By believing** in Allah's names and attributes, the way that is suitable to Him, the Praised One and Ever High and without distortion or alteration.

**By worshipping** Allah alone in all aspects of worship (besides prayer, Zakat (obligatory charity mandated by Allah) fasting the month of Ramadan, and making Hajj and staying away from any type Shirk (association)).

**By believing** that Allah alone has the right to legislate for mankind in all aspects of life and religion.

**By believing** that the (3) three parts of Taw-hid (believing in Allah's lordship, His attributes and names and that He alone has the right to legislate) are one whole unit that is indivisible.

**By believing that Muhammad ibn Abdullah ibn Abdul Muttalib Al-Hashimí Al-Quraishi** (hereafter referred to as Prophet Muhammad, or the messenger, peace be upon him) **is the last and final messenger of Allah**, and by following the authentic sayings and actions of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, along with the way he implemented the religion.

**B. Believes in the five (5) pillars of Islam:**

1. The Proclamation of the Islamic Faith (the Shahadah) by reciting "Ash'hado anaa Laa ilaahaa ila Allah, wa Ash'hado anaa Muhammad Rasul Allah", meaning, "I bear witness that there is no god to be worshipped except Allah and Muhammad is the Messenger of Allah."
2. The (5) five obligatory daily prayers;
3. The fasting from sunrise to sunset during the month of Ramadan, the The ninth (9<sup>th</sup>) month of the Islamic calendar.
4. The paying of the Zakah (the obligatory charity mandated by Allah on every able Muslim) and, The performing of Hajj (pilgrimage to Makkah (Mecca) if he is able.

**C. Believes in the six (6) fundamental Articles of Faith in Islam:**

Belief in Allah (as described above)

Belief in His Angels;

Belief in all of His previous Books (the authentic versions)

Belief in all of His Messengers;

Belief in the Day of Judgement; and,

Belief in "Qadar" (predestination good or bad).

**D. Believes in the Sunnah of our righteous ancestors** (Companions of the Prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him).

## **SECTION 2: THE QUR'AN**

The Holy Qur'an is the complete Book of Allah as revealed to Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) for all mankind as a guidance towards the Islamic Faith, and this will be the definition of the Holy Qur'an to which the center will abide.

## **SECTION 3: ISLAM**

The definition of Islam as the "Submission to the Will of one true God "Allah" as prescribed by the Holy Qur'an and the Sunnah of his messenger (peace be upon him) only, will be observed by all members of the center.

## **SECTION 4: HADITH**

The Hadith shall be the Traditions and Sayings of Prophet Muhammad (peace be upon him) as narrated by his Companions with regard to religious and mundane matters, and as compiled by all authentic books of the Hadith compilers:

*Sahih Bukhari;*

*Sahih Muslim;*

*Sahih Sunnan Abu Daud;*

*Sahih At-Tarmidhi;*

*Sahih Ibn Majah;*

*Sahih An-Nasa'i;*

*Sahih Musnad Ahmed Ibn Hanbal;*

*Sahih Mutaa Al-Imam Malik;*

*Sahih Al-Bayhaqi; and*

*All the sahih (authentic) books of al hadith.*

## **SECTION 5: SUNNAH**

The Sunnah will be "The authentic sayings and actions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him, along with the way he implemented the religion" also adding to that the Sunnah of our righteous ancestors (the Companions of the prophet Muhammad, peace be upon him) may Allah be pleased with them all.

## **ARTICLE IV: MEMBERSHIP**

1. Membership in the Islamic Education Center of Daytona Beach, shall be subject to the definitions and conditions set forth in the By-Laws of the Center.
2. All Muslims shall be eligible to participate in the activities of the Center if they fully observe the rules of the Qur'an and the Sunnah (as described above) and the rules and regulations laid down by the Center for such activities.
3. A membership of any member may be revoked with or without cause but only with the final approval of the President.
4. Members have no voting rights or nor other rights except as otherwise specifically enumerated in these Articles and Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V: PURPOSE**

**The purpose of the Islamic Education Center Of Daytona Beach, Inc (Masjid and School) shall be:**

To serve the best interest of Islam and Muslims-specifically in Volusia and adjoining counties; and in general, in the state of Florida and the United States, by such means and ways as:

1. To educate the public at large as to the peaceful nature of the Islamic faith.
2. To create, foster, and strengthen fraternal bonds and brotherly relationships among Muslims.



3. To help Muslims in pursuance of Islam as a complete way of life based on the correct and authentic understanding of the Islamic laws.
4. To preserve and present Islamic codes, practices, values and culture to the society at large.
5. To share respect for all "mankind" through moral excellence and development with the cultural awareness of Islam as the final religion and a way of life and encouraging friendly relations and understanding between Muslims and non-Muslims.
6. To carry out religious, social, civic, charitable, literacy, educational and other Islamic activities and to establish the five daily prayers in congregation.
7. To teach all Muslims, adults and children, male and female, the correct understanding of the Qur'an and the Sunnah based on the understanding of our righteous ancestors, so that they will not be victims of any group that promote fanaticism and terrorism.
8. To teach Muslim students religious knowledge as well as academic knowledge according to the educational codes set by the state of Florida and fits the Islamic laws.

## **ARTICLE VI: ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

### **SECTION 1: HEADQUARTERS**

The principal geographic location and place of business of the original Islamic Education Center of Daytona Beach, shall be at 1830 South Palmatto Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32119 or at such place as may be hereinafter determined by the Executive committee and subject to the final approval by the President as set forth in these Articles and the the By-Laws as adopted and which may be hereinafter amended from time to time.

## **SECTION 2: THE PRESIDENT OF THE CENTER**

The President of the Islamic Education Center Of Daytona Beach, will be the religious leader of The Center and he will be the head of all the governing bodies (the Board of Trustees, the Executive Committee, and the Educational Committee).

The responsibilities and the duties of the President will be (as explained in Article IV in the By-Laws).

The President shall have the final right to approve or disapprove any and all action that may be proposed by any of the Governing Bodies set forth in SECTION (3) of these Articles.

## **SECTION 3: GOVERNING BODIES**

By the force of this constitution, the Center is governed by (3) three main bodies, each one has its own nature and designated responsibilities as set forth in these Articles and in the By-Laws. The Trustees who comprise the committee members of each of the three (3) Governing Bodies shall be the Directors of this Corporation and for the purposes of these Articles shall hereafter be referred to as "Trustees". These (3) Governing Bodies are the Board of Trustees, referred to as "The Board"; The Executive Committee, referred to as "The Committee"; and the Educational Committee. The maximum number of trustees in each of the (3) Governing Bodies shall be seven (7) so that the maximum number of all trustees of the Corporation shall not exceed twenty-one (21) though an individual trustee may also serve as a trustee on more than one Governing Body.

### **Board of Trustees**

It shall be the supreme authority of the Islamic Education Center Of Daytona Beach, which possesses the overruling power over all major affairs. These affairs are to be critical in nature, such as securing and protecting the ownership, assets and the mission of the center, and other significant functions as detailed thereafter in the By-Laws. The power to buy, sell real estate, transfer and encumber real estate shall be vested only in the Board of Trustees.

The Board of Trustees shall consist of minimum of three (3) Trustees and no more than a maximum of seven (7) subject to the right of the President to approve or disapprove any and all action that may be proposed by this Board. Any decision made without the President's final approval is to be considered invalid. The President will appoint each Trustee and each Trustee may serve until such time as he is replaced by the President who has the authority to remove each Trustee with or without cause and the President shall determine the number of Trustees in the Board of Trustees when the Board will meet.

The founding members are the ones who have demonstrated in the past and/or present a truthful care of the well-being of the Center and have good religious knowledge.

### **Executive Committee**

The Executive Committee will be headed by the president of the Center (who is the religious leader of the Center) to make sure that all the affairs of the center are handled based on the authentic Shari'ah (Islamic Jurisprudence).

The main responsibility of the Executive Committee is to conduct the administrative functions of day to day activities of the school.

The Executive Committee is to be the authority that issues, implements and follows up the decisions of daily run and upkeep, finance, maintenance and other administrative duties of the Center after approval of the President .

The Executive Committee shall consist of minimum of three (3) trustees and no more than a maximum of seven (7) subject to the right of the President to approve or disapprove any and all action that may be proposed by this Committee. Any decision made without the President's final approval is to be considered invalid. The President will appoint each trustee and each trustee may serve until such time as he is replaced by the President who has the authority to remove each member with or without cause and the President shall determine the number of trustees in the Executive Committee and when the Committee will meet.

## **The Educational Committee**

The purpose of this committee is to promote cultural and social activities of the center, to develop educational, religious and academic programs, and contests to foster knowledge among community members.

The Educational Committee shall consist of minimum of three (3) trustees and no more than a maximum of seven (7) subject to the right of the President to approve or disapprove any and all action that may be proposed by this Committee. Any decision made without the President's final approval is to be considered invalid. The President will appoint each trustee and each trustee may serve until such time as he is replaced by the President who has the authority to remove each member with or without cause and the President shall determine the number of members in the Educational Committee and when the Committee will meet.

## **ARTICLE VII: FINANCES**

The Center shall be financed by contributions, donations, membership dues (where applicable) and other sources consistent with the purpose of the Center and approved by the President (the religious leader of the Center).

The finances of the school shall be budgeted and approved for the fiscal year, as set forth in the By-Laws.

A monthly and annual financial report should be submitted to the President by the Treasurer and all financial reports shall be made available for review and inspection by the Board if needed.

## **ARTICLE VIII: AMENDMENTS**

Proposed amendments, additions or deletion of any of these Articles shall be the sole right of the Board of Trustees and subject to the right of the President to approve or disapprove any and all amendments, additions or deletion proposed by the Board of Trustees.

The President shall also have the right to propose any amendment, addition or deletion of any of these Articles as well as having the right to approve or disapprove any and all amendments, additions or deletion proposed by the Board of Trustees.

**ARTICLE IX: OFFICERS**

The names and addresses of the initial officers of the corporation who shall hold office for the first year of the corporation, or until their successors are elected or appointed are:

President Ahmed Awadalla (1830 South Palmetto Ave. Daytona Beach, FL 32119)  
Treasurer Roy McGee ( 940 Old Mill Run, Ormond Beach, FL 32174)  
Secretary Rachel Awadalla (1830 South Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach, FL 32119)

**ARTICLE X: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND INITIAL INCORPORATOR**

The Initial registered agent and initial incorporator shall be Ahmed Awadalla at the initial registered office located at 1830 South Palmetto Ave., Daytona Beach, FL, 32119.

**ARTICLE XI: DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Center (school), the Executive Committee shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all the liabilities of the school, hand over all of the assets and money to the Board of Trustees. The Board therein shall decide the most fair way of disposing the assets and the money among trustworthy Islamic organizations wherever it is deemed Islamic necessary by the Board.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and seal, this 12<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002

  
Ahmed Awadalla  
Initial Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF VOLUSIA

Before me, a Notary Public, authorized to take acknowledgments, personally appeared to me known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same. (I.D.: FLA Driver license)

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal this 18 day of November, 2002.

(SEAL)



*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My commission Expires:

ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated above, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

*[Signature]*  
\_\_\_\_\_  
AHMED AWADALLA, Registered Agent  
1830 Palmetto #2  
South Daytona, FL 32119

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