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SUBJECT: MAIN STREET ME (PROPOSED CORPORATE	ERCHANTS ASSONAME-MUST INCLUDE SUF	CHATTON OF SAMSOTA, INC
Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles	s of incorporation and a check	for:

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Name (Printed or typed)

1501 MAIN STREET
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SARASOTA FLORIDA 34836

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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

# Articles of Incorporation of Main Street Merchants Association of Sarasota, Inc. a Florida Not for Profit Corporation

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The undersigned person, acting as incorporator of a corporation not for profit under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, as set forth in Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

#### Article I - Name

The name of the corporation shall be Main Street Merchants Association of Sarasota, Inc.

## Article II - Principal Place of Business

The principal place of business and mailing address of the corporation shall be 1501 Main Street, Sarasota, Florida, 34236.

### Article III - Purpose

The corporation is organized to operate exclusively for the purpose of fostering the best interests of the retail merchants who do business on Main Street, Sarasota, by participating in and initiating activities that will increase the business of the members.

#### Article IV - Appointment of the Board of Directors

The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its property controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors. The numbers of Directors of the corporation shall be set forth in the bylaws but shall not be less than the minimum number required by state law and, initially, shall be not less than three (3). The term of office and manner of selecting and removing Directors shall be set forth in the bylaws, and initially, shall be elected by a simple majority of the members.

## Article V - Names and Addresses of Directors/Officers

Jack Fehily, Director 1442 Main Street Sarasota, Florida 34236

Ron Sot**e**, Director 1383 Main Street Sarasota, Florida 34236

Ernie Ritz, Director 1492 First Street Sarasota, Florida 34236 Ernie Ritz, President and Treasurer 1492 First Street Sarasota, Florida 34236

Cathryn Girard, Vice President and Secretary 1501 Main Street Sarasota, Florida 34236

# Article VI - Registered Agent

The name and address of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is
Ernie Ritz
1492 First Street
Sarasota, Florida, 34236.

Article VII - Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Cathryn C. Girard

1501 Main Street arasota/Florida 3423a

Signature

Print Name

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Article VIII - Effective Date

Corporate existence shall begin upon the filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State of Florida.

Acceptance of Registered Agent Designated in Articles of Incorporation

Ernie Ritz, an individual, with an office located at the above listed address, having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent, onder Section 607.0505, Florida Statutes, including to accept service of process fair the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate.

Signature

Print Name ERNesT

RITZ