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Okaloosa Association of Taxi & Shuttle Operators

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

for
OKALOOSA ASSOCIATION OF TAXI & SHUTTLE OPERATORS,
INC.

The undersigned incorporators, for the purpose of forming a not for profit corporation under Florida Statutes, Chapter 617, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

Article 1
NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of the corporation is: Okaloosa Association of Taxi & Shuttle Operators, Inc. The mailing address of the corporation is 243-D W. Hollywood Blvd, Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548.

Article 2
NOT FOR PROFIT

The corporation is a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida. The Foundation adopts corporate rights as a not for profit corporation organized and existing under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, and the laws of the State of Florida. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its Members, Officers or Directors, except to the extent permissible under law.

Article 3
DURATION

The duration (term) of the corporation is perpetual.

Article 4
PURPOSES

Recognizing the need for regulation and self-policing within the taxi and shuttle service industry, the corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for the following purposes:

A. To create an organization dedicated to building and maintaining public confidence in the taxi and shuttle service industry within Okaloosa County, and ensuring that all operators of taxis and shuttles drive with the highest standards of safety, courtesy and professionalism.

B. To exercise all rights and powers conferred by the laws of the State of Florida upon not for profit corporations, including but without limiting the generality of the foregoing, to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, purchase, lease or otherwise any property of any sort or nature and without limitation as to its

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amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of such property and income, the principal and proceeds of such property, for any of the purposes set forth herein;

C. To do such other things as are incidental to the purposes of the corporation or necessary or desirable in order to accomplish those purposes.

Article 5 LIMITATION

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Officers or Directors, but 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 Article 4 (Purposes) hereof.

Article 6 MEMBERS

The corporation shall have Voting Members and Nonvoting Members, as more fully described in the Bylaws of the corporation.

The Bylaws may provide for Nonvoting Members of one or more classes, who shall be admitted in such manner and who shall have such rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws, but who shall not have the right to vote.

Article 7 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of seven (7) Voting Members and shall be elected by those Voting Members who are present and in attendance at the annual meeting of the corporation, and who shall have all the rights and privileges as are set forth in the Bylaws.

Article 8 OFFICERS

The Officers of the corporation shall consist, at a minimum, of a President, Secretary and Treasurer. Each Officer shall be elected by those Voting Members who are present and in attendance at the annual meeting, (and may be removed by the Board of Directors), at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws.

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Article 9
REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the Registered Office of the Corporation is 243-D W. Hollywood Blvd., Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548, and the name of its Registered Agent at that address is John Eastwood.

Article 10
BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the corporation are to be made and adopted by the Executive Board of Directors, and may be altered, amended, repealed or rescinded by the Board of Directors, but all alterations, amendments and repeals of the Bylaws must be approved by a simple majority of the Voting Members present and in attendance at the annual meeting.

Article 11
AMENDMENT

The corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment to them, and all rights and privileges conferred upon the Members, Officers and Directors are subject to this reservation. The Articles of Incorporation may be amended in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the State of Florida, as amended from time to time, unless more specific provisions for amendments are adopted by the corporation pursuant to law.

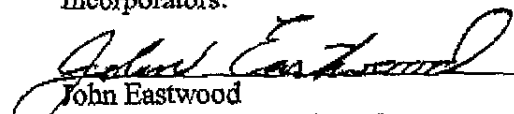
Article 12
INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless each Officer and Director, including the former Officers and Directors, to the full extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida.

Article 13
NONSTOCK BASIS

This corporation is organized on a nonstock basis. This corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

Incorporators:


John Eastwood
243-D W. Hollywood Blvd.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

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Don Whitehouse
24 Miracle Strip Pkwy.
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32548

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared JOHN EASTWOOD,
who

X produced a valid Florida driver's license, or
being personally known to me,


and having been sworn, did depose and state that he executed the foregoing instrument
for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and official seal this 7th day of April,
2003, in the aforesaid County and State.

My Commission expires:



BARBARA J. STRICKLAND
MY COMMISSION # DD 149268
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County, Florida

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Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared DON WHITEHOUSE,
who

X produced a valid Florida driver's license, or
being personally known to me,

and having been sworn, did depose and state that he executed the foregoing instrument
for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and official seal this 7th day of April,
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Barbara J. Strickland
Notary Public in and for Okaloosa
County, Florida

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for Okaloosa Association of Taxi and Shuttle Operators, as contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

John Eastwood
Signature of Registered Agent
John Eastwood

April 7, 2003
Date

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