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January 7, 2004

Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
Post Office Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: *Bartow Intimidators Softball, Inc.*

Gentlemen:

Enclosed herewith for filing please find the original and a copy of Articles of Incorporation with the certificate designating resident agent attached. A check in the amount of \$78.75 is also enclosed for filing fees in this regard.

It would be appreciated if you would return the copy of the Articles of Incorporation stamped received and your certificate of filing same to my office.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,



Leslie Yelverton  
*Secretary to Abel A. Putnam*

Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**BARTOW INTIMIDATORS SOFTBALL, INC.**

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The undersigned hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of the corporation is **BARTOW INTIMIDATORS SOFTBALL, INC.**

**ARTICLE II**

**NOT FOR PROFIT**

The Corporation is a non-profit corporation under 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, Directors, or Officers, except to the extent permissible under law.

**ARTICLE III**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION**

The address of the principal office of the corporation is 1620 Varner Court, Bartow, Florida 33831, and its mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE IV**  
**COMMENCEMENT AND DURATION**

The corporation is to commence its corporate existence effective upon the filing hereof, and shall exist perpetually thereafter until dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE V**  
**PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized for the purpose of organizing and operating a girl's competitive softball team, ages 12 and under. However, the Corporation shall have and exercise all legal rights conferred by law upon non-profit corporations.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**LIMITATION**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its Members, Directors or Officers, but the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of its purposes.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

All corporate powers shall be exercised by and under the authority of, and the business and affairs of the corporation shall be managed under the direction of the board of directors.

The corporation shall have three (3) directors initially. The number of directors may thereafter be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the bylaws of the corporation, but shall never number less than three (3).

The name and street address of the initial directors who shall hold office until the successors, who shall be chosen at the first meeting of the members have qualified, shall be:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
Eddie Martin	1620 Varner Court, Bartow, FL 33831
Lauri C. Martin	1620 Varner Court, Bartow, FL 33831
Frederick Charles Flood	338 West F Street, Frostproof, FL 33843

#### **ARTICLE VIII** **MEMBERS**

The Corporation shall have voting members who shall be elected and may be removed by the voting members and shall have all the rights and privileges of members of the Corporation. The name and address of each initial voting member is as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>
Eddie Martin	1620 Varner Court, Bartow, FL 33831
Lauri C. Martin	1620 Varner Court, Bartow, FL 33831
Frederick Charles Flood	338 West F Street, Frostproof, FL 33843

#### **ARTICLE IX** **INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any present or former officer or director, or person exercising powers and duties of a director, to the full extent now or hereafter permitted by law.

## **ARTICLE X**

### **BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors and the members, but the board of directors may not alter, amend, or repeal any bylaws adopted by the members if the members provide that the bylaws shall not be altered, amended, or repealed by the board of directors.

## **ARTICLE XI**

### **AMENDMENT**

These articles of incorporation may be amended at any time by a vote of the majority of the voting members, at any regular meeting of the members or at any special meeting of the members called for that purpose.

## **ARTICLE XII**

### **OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Corporation shall consist of a President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers and Assistant Officers as may be provided in the Bylaws. Each Officer shall be elected by the Board of Directors, and may be removed by the Board of Directors, at such time and in such manner as may be prescribed by the Bylaws. The name and address of each initial Officer of the Corporation is as follows:

<b><u>Name</u></b>	<b><u>Address</u></b>	<b><u>Title</u></b>
Eddie Martin	1620 Varner Court Bartow, FL 33831	President
Frederick Charles Flood	338 West F Street Frostproof, FL 33843	Vice-President
Lauri C. Martin	1620 Varner Court Bartow, FL 33831	Secretary/ Treasurer

**ARTICLE XIII**

**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these articles of incorporation are:

**Name**

Abel A. Putnam

**Address**

500 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300  
Lakeland, Florida 33801

**ARTICLE XIV**

**INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

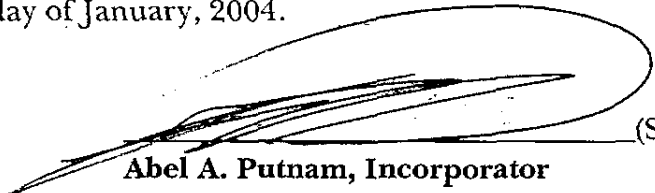
The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 500 S. Florida Avenue, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Abel A. Putnam.

**ARTICLE XV**

**NO STOCK**

No issuance of stock will be made by the Corporation. Membership shall be as reflected in the Corporate books.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, the undersigned, as incorporator, hereby executes these articles of incorporation this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of January, 2004.

  
Abel A. Putnam, Incorporator (SEAL)

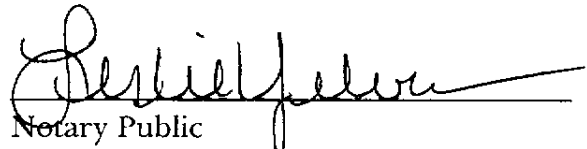
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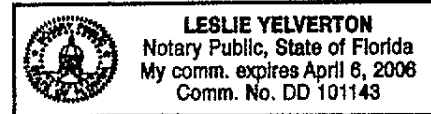
**COUNTY OF POLK**

Before me, the undersigned authority, an officer duly authorized to administer oaths and take acknowledgments, personally appeared **Abel A. Putnam**, who is personally known to me or who has produced \_\_\_\_\_ as identification.

**WITNESS** my hand and official seal this 7<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2004, at Lakeland, Florida.

(NOTARIAL SEAL)

  
Notary Public  
State of Florida at Large  
My Commission Expires:





To: The Department of State  
Tallahassee, Florida 32304

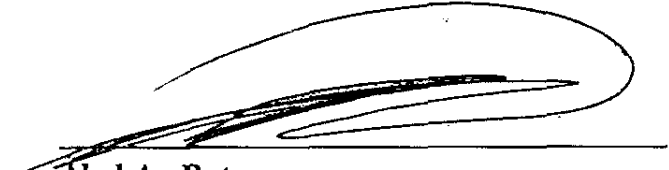
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

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In compliance with Section 617.0501 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act,  
the following is submitted:

**BARTOW INTIMIDATORS SOFTBALL, INC.**, with its place of business at 1620  
Varner Court, Bartow, Florida 33831, has named Abel A. Putnam, located at 500 S. Florida  
Avenue, Suite 300, Lakeland, Florida 33801, as its agent to accept service of process within  
Florida.

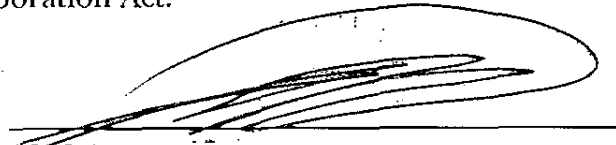
Dated: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.



Abel A. Putnam

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation  
at the place designated in this certificate, 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, and I am familiar with and accept the duties and obligations  
of Chapter 617 of the Florida General Corporation Act.

Dated: January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2004.



Abel A. Putnam  
Registered Agent