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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
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SUBJECT: Eastern Star Community Center, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
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☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Barbara Cook
Name (Printed or typed)

1525 High Street
Address

Fort Myers, Florida 33916
City, State & Zip

(239) 878-1467
Daytime Telephone number

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

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
Eastern Star Community Center, Inc.
(A Corporation Not For Profit)**

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

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of the corporation is the Eastern Star Community Center, Inc.

ARTICLE II

Principal Office

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:

1525 High Street
Fort Myers, Florida 33916

ARTICLE III

Purpose

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is:

- A. The corporation is a not for profit organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Act set forth in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The general purpose of this corporation is to operate exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, within the meaning of Section 501 (C) (3) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)
- B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to enhance the quality of life for the youth of the community through mentorships/ and to increase mutual awareness and respect among the community,

school, and local governments. The center proposes to provide the following programs and services to the community:

- I. Mentorships
- II. Etiquette with emphasis on diversity
- III. Community Awareness
- IV. and other such needs as may be approved by the board as allowable within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3), Internal Revenue Code.

- C. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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 this article. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this 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 Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.)

ARTICLE IV Powers

This corporation is empowered:

- A. To buy, own, sell, assign, mortgage or lease any interest in real estate and personal property and to construct, maintain, and operate improvements thereon necessary or incidental to the accomplishment of the purpose set forth in Article III hereof.

B. To borrow money and issue evidence of indebtedness in furtherance of any or all of the objects of its business, and to secure the same by mortgage, pledge or other lien on the corporation's property.

B. Upon dissolution of this corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the Federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed by the Court of Common Pleas of the county in which the principle 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.

ARTICLE V

Term of Existence

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence, unless dissolved according to law. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing of these Articles with the Florida Department of State.

ARTICLE VI

Membership

The membership of this corporation shall consist of its Directors and Officers.

The members of this corporation shall have no right, title or interest whatsoever in its income, property or assets, nor shall any portion of such income, property or assets be distributed to any member on the dissolution or winding up of this corporation. Members of this corporation shall not be

personally liable for the debts, liabilities, or obligations of the corporation, and shall not be subject to any assessments.

ARTICLE VII Officers

The officers of the corporation shall be a President, Vice President, and Secretary and such other officers as may be authorized by the by-laws. The officers shall be elected by the Director of the corporation for a one year term unless sooner removed from office as provided by the by-laws.

ARTICLE VIII Initial Officers

The names and addresses of the officers who are to serve until the first election or appointment are as follows:

President	Barbara Cook 1525 High Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Vice President	Mildred Bryson 3130 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Secretary	Vera Thomas 3050 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Other Board Members:

Susie Teal
1656 Starnes Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Verna Troupe
3150 Lafayette Street
Fort Myers, FL 33916

Lorraine Davis
1603 Delaware Avenue
Fort Myers, FL 33916

ARTICLE IX
Directors

The number of Directors of this corporation shall be specified by the by-laws and maybe increased or decreased from time to time, but shall never be less than three (3) nor more than nine (9). The directors shall be elected by majority vote of the members of the corporation. The names and addresses of the initial Directors of the corporation are:

Barbara Cook	1525 High Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Mildred Bryson	3130 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Vera Thomas	3050 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Susie Teal	1656 Starnes Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Verna Troupe	3150 Lafayette Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Lorraine Davis	1603 Delaware Avenue Fort Myers, FL 33916
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All Directors shall serve without compensation.

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ARTICLE X

By-Laws

The by-laws of the corporation may be adopted or amended by resolution of the Board of Directors at any regular meeting or any special meeting called for that purpose, subject to the limitations contained in these Articles, the Florida Not Profit Corporation Act of Florida Statutes, and Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE XI

Amendment of Articles

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors of the corporation.

ARTICLE XII

Registered Office and Registered Agent

The current registered office of this corporation is 1525 High Street, Fort Myers, Florida 33916, and the name of the Registered Agent of the corporation at that address is Barbara Cook

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment of the Registered Agent.



Signature of Registered Agent

6/21/05

Date

ARTICLE XIII
Incorporators

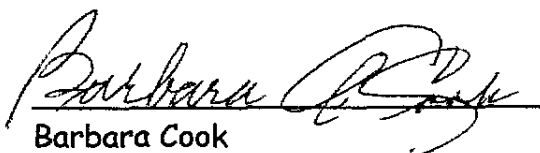
The names and addresses of the incorporators of this corporation are:

Barbara Cook	1525 High Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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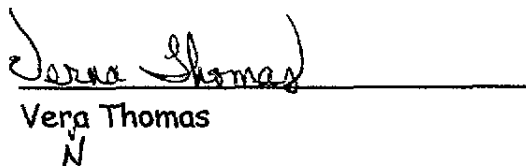
Mildred Bryson	3130 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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Vera Thomas N	3050 2 nd Street Fort Myers, FL 33916
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WHEREFORE, the parties hereto have set their hands and seals this 14th day of March 2005.


Barbara Cook


Mildred Bryson


Vera Thomas
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State of Florida)

) SS

County of Lee)

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before, an officer duly qualified to take acknowledgements, personally appeared Barbara Cook, Mildred Bryson, and Vera Thomas. Personally to me known to be the persons described in and who executed the foregoing instrument, and they acknowledged before me that the executed the same.

WITNESS my hand and official seal in the State and County last aforesaid, this 14 day of March 2005.

Colleen M. White

Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

(seal)

