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SUBJECT: Ascend Tampa Bay, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Anthony Traviesa  
Name (Printed or typed)

943 Harbour Bay Dr.  
Address

Tampa, FL 33602  
City, State & Zip

813 - 253 - 8800  
Daytime Telephone number

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Ascend Tampa Bay, Inc.

I, the undersigned, being a natural person of the age of 18 years or more, acting as the incorporator of a corporation, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F.S.).

**FIRST:** The name of the corporation is: Ascend Tampa Bay, Inc.

**SECOND:** Principal Place of Business: 678 4<sup>th</sup> Street N  
St. Petersburg, FL 33701  
P.O. Box 1486  
Tampa, FL 33601

Mailing Address:

**THIRD:** This corporation is organized and shall be administered and operated exclusively to receive, administer and expend funds to promote and represent the common business interests of and improve business conditions among, members of the Ascend Tampa Bay, Inc., within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

In order to accomplish the foregoing purposes, and for no other purpose or purposes, this corporation shall also have the power to:

- (a) sue and be sued;
- (b) make contracts;
- (c) receive property by devise or bequest, subject to the laws regulating the transfer of property by will, and otherwise acquire and hold all property, real or personal, including shares of stock, bonds and securities of other corporations;
- (d) act as trustee under any trust whose objects are related to the principal objects of the corporation, and to receive, hold, administer and expend funds and property subject to such trust;
- (e) convey, exchange, lease, mortgage, encumber, transfer upon trust or otherwise dispose of all property, real or personal;
- (f) borrow money, contract debts and issue bonds, notes and debentures, and secure the payment of any performance its obligations; and
- (g) do all other acts necessary or expedient for the administration of the affairs and attainment of the purposes of the corporation; provided, however, that this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the primary purposes of this corporation.

**FOURTH:** The corporation shall be established in a manner consistent with its bylaws.

**FIFTH:** No part of the net income of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services actually rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes and objects set forth in Article THIRD hereof.

**SIXTH:** The affairs of the corporation shall be carried on through its Board of Directors. The manner of election or appointment of the directors shall be as set forth in the Bylaws.

**SEVENTH:** The private property of the incorporators, directors, and officers, shall not be subject to the payment of corporate debts to any extent whatever; in furtherance and not in limitation of the powers conferred by statute, the corporation is expressly authorized to carry on its business and to hold annual or special meetings of its Board of Directors in any of the states, territories or possessions of the United States, or the District of Columbia.

**EIGHTH:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

**NINTH:** Upon the dissolution of the corporation or the winding up of its affairs, the assets of the corporation shall be distributed exclusively for the common business interests of its members or to organizations which are exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

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**TENTH:** The address, including the street and number, of the corporation's initial registered office is 678 4<sup>th</sup> Street N, St. Petersburg, FL 33701 and the initial registered agent at that address is Guy VanMiddlesworth, who is a resident of Florida.

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this article, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

  
Signature/ Registered Agent

12/20/05  
Date

  
Signature/ Incorporator

12/20/05  
Date

**ELEVENTH:** The corporation reserves the right to amend, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation or to merge or consolidate this corporation with any other nonprofit corporation in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by statute, provided, however, that any such action shall be calculated exclusively to carry out the objects and purposes for which the corporation is formed, and all rights herein conferred or granted shall be subject to this reservation.

**TWELTH:** The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is 3, but the number of directors may be increased or decreased in the manner set forth in the Bylaws, provided that the number shall not be less than one (1). The initial and subsequent Boards of Directors shall elect their successors. The names and addresses, including street and number, of the persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

Name  
Anthony Traviesa

Address  
943 Harbour Bay Drive  
Tampa, FL 33602

Mathew Bahl

1315 Versant Drive  
Brandon, FL 33511

John Legg

8511 Woodcrest Drive  
Port Richey, FL 34668

**THIRTEENTH:** The name and address, including street and number, of the incorporator is:

Name  
Anthony Traviesa

Address  
943 Harbour Bay Drive  
Tampa, FL 33602

  
Signature/ Incorporator

12/20/05  
Date

State of Florida  
County of Hillsborough

ss: 591-06-2524

I, Deanna Franklin Notary Public, hereby certify that on the 20 day of December 2005, personally appeared before me A. Traviesa, who signed the foregoing document as the incorporator, and declared that the statements contained therein are true.

  
Notary Public

My commission expires 12/17/09.



Deanna K. Franklin  
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