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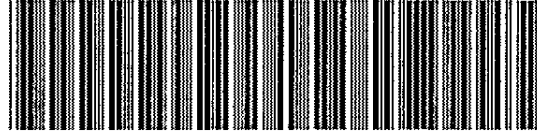
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**TO:** Amendment Section  
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**NAME OF CORPORATION:** FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS, INC

**DOCUMENT NUMBER:** NO 600003560

The enclosed *Articles of Amendment* and fee are submitted for filing.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

ROSE GATTO  
(Name of Contact Person)

FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS, INC.  
(Firm/ Company)

4645 31ST COURT EAST  
(Address)

BRADENTON FL 34203  
(City/ State and Zip Code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

ROSE GATTO at ( 941 ) 756-7841  
(Name of Contact Person) (Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

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October 3, 2006

ROSE GATTO  
4645 31 CT E  
BRADENTON, FL 34203

SUBJECT: FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS, INC.  
Ref. Number: N06000003560

We have received your document for FRIENDS OF THE TRAILS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Please file the document as either Articles of Amendment or Restated Articles of Incorporation pursuant to applicable Florida Statutes.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6927.

Tracy Smith  
Document Specialist

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## **Friends of the Trails, Inc.**

Pursuant to the provisions of section 617.1006, Florida Statutes, this Florida Not For Profit Corporation adopts the following amendment(s) to its Articles of Incorporation. These restated Articles contain amendments to Articles III, V, X and XI.

### **Amended and restated Articles of Incorporation Of Friends of the Trails, Inc**

#### **Article I - Name**

The name of the corporation is Friends of the Trails, Inc.

#### **Article II - Principal Office and Mailing Address**

Shall be: 4645 31<sup>st</sup> Court East, Bradenton, Fl 34203

#### **Article III - Purpose**

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, literary 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 Code.

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this corporation will not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carryon by an organization 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.

The corporation mission is to preserve open space and create a network of trails, bikeways and greenways in Manatee County. We promote advocacy, assist the County government in the implementation of their open space master plans. Build, encourage and coordinate grass-roots support for open space and trails.

The corporation will promote the use of greenway trails for recreation, environmental, education and alternative modes of transportation.

The corporation will educate the public how greenways in our communities can improve our quality of life, increase property values and spur economic development.

The corporation will support planning, development and implementation of trails from the Manatee County Master Greenways Plan, which was created by the

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Manatee County Government, Citizens Trail Committee with assistance from the National Park Service, RTCA.

The corporation will support historic preservation, environmental protection and education and other sustainable community elements in their scope of design.

**Article IV Manner of Election**

The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The number of directors shall initially be 3. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than 3. The manner of election or appointment of members of the board of Directors shall be regulated by the Bylaws of the Corporation.

**Article V – Duration**

This corporation is to exist perpetually

**Article VI – Initial Directors**

The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Rose Gatto  
4645 31<sup>st</sup> Court East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

Lynn Deutch  
824 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr. West  
Palmetto, FL 34221

Jill Belliveau  
Secretary  
3803 Sun Eagle Lane  
Bradenton, FL 34210

**Article VI - Officers**

Rose Gatto  
President  
4645 31<sup>st</sup> Court East  
Bradenton, FL 34203

Lynn Deutch  
Vice-President  
824 35<sup>th</sup> Ave Dr. W  
Palmetto, FL 34221

Jill Belliveau  
Secretary  
3803 Sun Eagle Lane  
Bradenton, Fl 34210

**Article VIII Initial Registered Agent and Street Address**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Rose Gatto  
4645 31<sup>st</sup> Court East  
Bradenton, Fl 34203

**Article IX - Incorporator**

The name and Street Address of the incorporator is:

Rose Gatto  
4645 31<sup>st</sup> Court East  
Bradenton, Fl 34203

**Article X – Dissolution**

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in sections 501 ( c ) ( 3 ) and 170 ( c ) ( 2 ) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or to the Federal, State or local government for exclusive public purpose.

**Articles XI – Limitations**

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of any of its purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the 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 or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
President

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Date

The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: 9/28/06

Effective date if applicable: \_\_\_\_\_  
(no more than 90 days after amendment file date)

Adoption of Amendment(s) (CHECK ONE)

- ☐ The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the members and the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.
- ☒ There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the board of directors.

Signature Rose Gatto  
(By the chairman or vice chairman of the board, president or other officer- if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator- if in the hands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.)

Rose GATTO  
(Typed or printed name of person signing)

PRESIDENT  
(Title of person signing)

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