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**TO:** Amendment Section Division of Corporations

NAME OF CORPORATION: NEW BETH	IEL LAKELAND SOCIAL SER	VICES, INC.
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The enclosed Articles of Amendment and fee	are submitted for filing.	
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#### Articles of Amendment to Articles of Incorporation of

## NEW BETHEL LAKELAND SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.

(Name of corporation as currently filed with the Florida Dept. of State)

# N06000009886 (Document number of corporation (if known) 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: **NEW CORPORATE NAME (if changing):** (must contain the word "corporation," "incorporated," or the abbreviation "corp." or "inc." or words of like import in language; "Company" or "Co." may not be used in the name of a not for profit corporation) AMENDMENTS ADOPTED- (OTHER THAN NAME CHANGE) Indicate Article Number(s) and/or Article Title(s) being amended, added or deleted: (BE SPECIFIC) ARTICLE TWO - AMENDED ARTICLE THREE - AMENDED ARTICLE FOUR - AMENDED ARTICLE FIVE - AMENDED ARTICLE SIX - AMENDED ARTICLE SEVEN - ADD ARTICLE EIGHT - ADD ARTICLE NINE - ADD ARTICLE TEN - ADD ARTICLE EVEVEN - ADD

SEE ATTACHED SHEETS

ARTICLE TWELVE - ADD

## **AMENDED** ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR NEW BETHEL LAKELAND SOCIAL SERVICES, INC.

We, the undersigned hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617, Laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges, and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

#### ARTICLE ONE

The name of the corporation shall be:

New Bethel Lakeland Social Services, Inc.

## ARTICLE TWO

Corporate Nature

This is a nonprofit corporation, organized for the operation, control and management of an entity that provides community services and solicits, receives and distributes or uses funds, professional services, and other services for community and economic development and other charitable, scientific, literary, and educational purposes, pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not For Profit Law, set forth in section 617, Florida Statutes of the corresponding provision of any future Florida Law.

## ARTICLE THREE

The term of existence of the corporation is perpetual, unless dissolved by law.

### ARTICLE FOUR

General and Specific Purposes

The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are:

A. To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the, community, particularly those who are substantially unemployed, underemployed, or whose income is below federal poverty guidelines, to foster and promote community wide interest and concern for the problems of said residents to that end (a) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded; (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened; and (c) racial tensions, prejudice, discrimination, economic, and otherwise, may be eliminated.

- B. To expand the opportunities available to said residents and groups to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas; to assist said residents and groups in developing entrepreneurial and management skills necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents and groups in obtaining financial support from other sources.
- C. To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-costing housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing for persons and families of low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live, It is the purpose of the corporation thereby to relieve the poor, distressed, underprivileged and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and thus lessen the burdens of government and promote the social welfare. To provide building and construction of new facilities in the place of blighted structures or blighted vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvement.
- D. To aid, support, and assist by gifts, contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, community chests, funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or scientific purposes, no part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is to carry on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence the election of public officials.
- E. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attaining of foregoing purposes, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, associations, trusts, institutions, foundations or governmental bureaus, department of agencies.
- F. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively for charitable and educational purposes in such a manner that the Corporation will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.

#### ARTICLE FIVE

A. Board of Directors. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a Board of Directors, consisting of not less than three (3) persons.

The Directors named herein as the Board of Directors shall hold office until the next meeting of members at which time an election of Directors shall be named.

Directors elected at the annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one (1) year. Annual meetings shall be held on the first Tuesday in May of each year at such place or places as the Board of Directors may designate from time to time by resolution.

The names and addresses of the members of the Board of Directors are as follows:

Chairman/Director: Rev. Pearce Ewing, Sr. 6948 Montreal Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33810

Vice Chairman/Director: Ernie B. Ivey 702 Swiss Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33810

Treasurer/Director: Mark Thomas 1416 Leighton Avenue

Lakeland, Florida 33803

Secretary/Director: Sylvia Blackman Roberts 1620 Lake Miriam Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33813

Director: Lee Brunson 2720 High Ridge Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33812

Director: Wendall O. Blake 5514 Kings Mont Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33813

B. Corporate Officers. The Board of Directors shall elect the following officers: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as the By-Laws of this Corporation may authorize the Directors to elect from time to time. The current officers of the Board of Directors are provided below. They shall serve until their terms expire as provided in the By-Laws.

Chairman: Reverend Pearce Ewing, Sr.

Vice Chairman: Ernie Ivy

Secretary: Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts

Treasurer: Mark Thomas

#### ARTICLE SIX

#### Earnings and Activities of Corporation

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, director, 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 the purposes set forth in Article IV hereof.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, and the corporation shall not participate in, and 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, the 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 1954 (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 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

The corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ARTICLE SEVEN

#### Distribution of Assets

Upon dissolution of the 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 the 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 of by the Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal 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 EIGHT**

#### Membership

A. The qualification for members and the manner of their admission shall be regulated by the by-laws for this corporation.

B. The initial address of the Corporation is:

2122 Martin Luther King Jr. Lakeland, FL 33805

#### **ARTICLE NINE**

Incorporator

Sylvia Blackmon-Roberts 1620 Lake Miriam Drive Lakeland, Florida 33813

#### ARTICLE TEN

Amendment of By-Laws

Subject to the limitations contained in the By-Laws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporation's Not for Profit Law of the State of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new By-Laws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the Board of Directors, or by following the procedure set forth therefore in the By-Laws.

#### ARTICLE ELEVEN

Dedication of Assets

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable, scientific, literary and educational purposes, and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

## <u>ARTICLE TWELVE</u>

Registered Agent and Office

The name and address of the corporation's registered agent is:

Pearce Ewing, Sr. 6948 Montreal Drive Lakeland, Florida 33810

The date of adoption of the amendment(s) was: $9/9/08$
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Effective date if applicable: (no more than 90 days after amendment file date)
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There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendment. The amendment(s) was (were) adopted by the board of directors.
Signature  (By the chairman of vice chairman of the board, president or other officer- if directors have not been selected, by an incorporator- if in the tands of a receiver, trustee, or other court appointed fiduciary, by that fiduciary.)
PEARCE EWING, SR.
(Typed or printed name of person signing)
CHAIRMAN/DIRECTOR
(Title of person signing)

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