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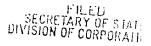
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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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**OF** 

# COMMON CENTS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a not for profit Corporation under the Florida Not-For-Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

## **ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of this Corporation is:

COMMON CENTS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, INC.

# ARTICLE II - TERM OF EXISTENCE

The Corporation is to exist perpetually.

#### ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The purposes of the Corporation are to facilitate the passage by the voters of Sarasot County, Florida of a referendum issue relating to the extension of the one-cent optional sales tax to be utilized for purposes of infrastructure construction and maintenance, education, capit: improvements and related matters, to take all actions necessary to qualify under and comply with Chapter 106, Florida Statutes, and to engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and in furtherance of its exempt status and for purposes for which a Corporation may be formed under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

#### ARTICLE IV - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal place of business of this Corporation shall be:

240 S. Pineapple Avenue 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Sarasota, FL 34236

and, the mailing address of this Corporation shall be:

240 S. Pineapple Avenue 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Sarasota, FL 34236

#### ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS

The registered agent and street address of the registered office of this Corporation is:

Jeffrey S. Russell 240 S. Pineapple Avenue 9<sup>th</sup> Floor Sarasota, Florida 34236

#### ARTICLE VI – DIRECTORS

This Corporation shall have six (6) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be changed from time to time by Bylaws adopted by the Members. Vacancies on the Board of Directors may be filled in such a manner as provided by the By-Laws. The name and address of each member of the first Board of Directors is:

Robert Richardson 2055 Wood Street, Suite 202

Sarasota, Florida 34237

Gina Taylor 630 North River Road

Venice, FL 34293-4709

John Cranor 1400 Peregrine Point Drive

Sarasota, FL 34231

Jeffrey Russell

240 S. Pineapple Ave.

9th Floor

Sarasota, FL 34236

Patrick Hodgkins

15141 Tamiami Trail

North Port, FL 34287

Richard D. Hays

888 Blvd. of the Arts, Unit 1203

Sarasota, FL 34236

# **ARTICLE VII - AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in certain instances by the Board of Directors as provided by statute and in certain instances by resolutions adopted by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the Members and approved at a Members Meeting by a majority of the Members entitled to vote thereon.

### **ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Jeffrey Russell 240 S. Pineapple Avenue Sarasota, Florida 34236

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

The Corporation shall indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding, whether civil comminal, administrative or investigative (whether or not by or in the right of the Corporation), be reason of the fact that he is or was a director or officer of the Corporation, against any and a expenses (including attorney's fees, Court costs and appellate costs and fees), judgments, fines an amounts paid in settlement incurred by him in connection with such action, suit or proceeding except for an officer or director who is adjudged guilty of willful misfeasance or willful

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malfeasance in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall continue as to person who has ceased to be a director or officer and shall inure to the benefit of the heirs ar personal representatives of such person. Provided however, that if any past or present officer director sues the Corporation, other than to enforce this indemnification, such past or prese director or officer instituting such suit shall not have the right of indemnification hereunder connection with such suit. The Corporation is authorized to purchase insurance to provide funds for the indemnification hereinabove set forth, and, if such insurance is purchased but the proceeds the same are not sufficient to cover the cost of indemnification, then the deficiency shall be pa from Corporate funds. If there are no funds available to pay the cost of the indemnification deficiency resulting from insufficient insurance coverage, then the Board of Directors shall asse the membership to cover such costs. This indemnification is an absolute right, and such assessments shall be made notwithstanding any other provisions contained herein to the contrary.

## ARTICLE X - DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this Corporation as provided in the Bylaws, its assets shall be distributed to any organization, corporate or otherwise, which has been formed for the purposes s forth in Article III hereof, or if no such organization shall exist, to an entity qualified as a charitab organization pursuant to Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

The undersigned has executed these Articles this 6th day of December, 2006

Jeffrey Russell

"INCORPORATOR"

Having been named as Registered Agent and to accept service of process for COMMC CENTS FOR SARASOTA COUNTY, INC. at the place designated in the Articles, I hereby acce the appointment as Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comp with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, a I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as Registered Agent.

Dated: 12-6-, 2006

Jeffrey Russell, Registered Agent