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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** Community Dispute Settlement 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 :

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**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: Andrew Thomas

Name (Printed or typed)

267 Via Tuscany Loop

Address

Lake Mary, FL. 32746-1542

City, State & Zip

407-322-6734

Daytime Telephone number

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

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes (F.S.), (Not for Profit)**

***Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc.***

**Articles of Incorporation** of the Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc. the undersigned, all of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law do hereby certify:

**ARTICLE I**  
**NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:  
***Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc.***

**ARTICLE II**  
**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be:  
***Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc.***  
**725 South Goldwyn Avenue**  
**Orlando, FL 32805**

**ARTICLE III**  
**PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized exclusively as a not-for-profit organization and is within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 2006, as now enacted or hereafter amended. To this end, the Community Dispute Settlement Center, Inc. is formed exclusively for the purpose of:

- A. Promoting and providing peaceful alternative dispute resolution processes: such as mediation, conciliation and facilitation to the communities we serve;;
- B. To promote the peaceful resolution of community and interpersonal disputes through orderly mediation, conciliation and facilitation and other collaborative processes by trained professional volunteers and facilitators from the community as primary providers of services;
- C. To mediate and resolve disputes between persons who might otherwise resort to resolution of such dispute through the judicial system;
- D. To improve community relations by prompt, efficient and competent mediation of all forms of disputes;
- E. To promote the public welfare and the general good through training and educating the community about the resolution of disputes through non-adversarial processes;
- F. To provide alternative dispute resolution services to indigents at no cost and to others at nominal cost

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All funds, whether income or principal, and whether acquired by gift or contribution or otherwise, shall be devoted to said purpose.

#### **ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed will be as follows: Any person over the age of 18 who meets the criteria is eligible to serve on the Board of Directors. Directors shall be elected each year at the annual meeting by the Board of Directors. The Nominating Committee is responsible for submitting a proposed slate of Directors and Officers to the Board at least 10 days prior to the Annual Meeting. Except for the first year, Directors shall serve terms of three years on a rotational basis. Directors may not serve more than three full terms consecutively. Those Directors assuming office in the first year shall be appointed and serve for terms of one, two, and three years respectively. Thereafter, all directors shall be elected for three year terms.

#### **ARTICLE V INITIAL DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS**

The corporation shall have seven initial voting members. The management and affairs of the corporation shall be at all times under the direction of the board of directors and officers, President, Vice President, Treasure and Secretary, whose functions in governing the corporation shall be defined by the corporation's By-Laws. No board member shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The Initial Board of Directors and Officers are:

Wayne Smith, President  
638 Baytort Drive  
Kissimmee, FL. 324758

Guno O. Ritfeld  
725 South Goldwyn Ave., Suite B  
Orlando, FL. 32805

Christie Collins, Secretary/Treasure  
1001 South Kirkman Road, Apt 69  
Orlando, FL. 32811

Julien Thomas  
1081 South Kirkman Rd. Apt 167  
Orlando, FL. 32811

Justin Simmons, Vice President  
1001 South Kirkman Road, Apt 81  
Orlando FL.

Andrew Thomas  
267 Via Tuscany Loop  
Lake Mary, FL. 32746

Melanie V. Gladden-Mixon  
2535 N. Hastings Street  
Orlando, FL 32807

**ARTICLE VI  
DEBT OBLIGATIONS AND PERSONAL LIABILITY**

No Officer or Director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of this corporation of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property of the members, officers or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VII  
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the time of dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed by the Board of Directors, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, 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 a 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 VIII  
LIMITATIONS**

At all times the following shall function as conditions restricting the operations and activities of the corporation:

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 for furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article III hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall constitute the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or any initiative or referendum before the public, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including by publication 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, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.

**ARTICLE IX  
INITIAL REGISTEED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and Florida street address of the Registered Agent is:

Andrew Thomas  
267 Via Tuscany Loop  
Lake Mary, FL. 32746

**ARTICLE X  
INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the Incorporator(s) of this corporation are:

Wayne G. Smith, President  
638 Baytort Drive  
Kissimmee, FL. 34758

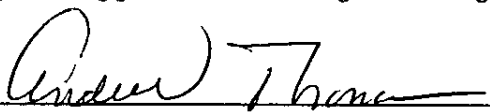
Justine A. Simmons, Vice President  
1001 South Kirkman Road, apt 81  
Orlando, FL. 32811

Christie L. Collins, Secretary/Treasure  
1001 South Kirkman Road, Apt 69  
Orlando, FL. 32811

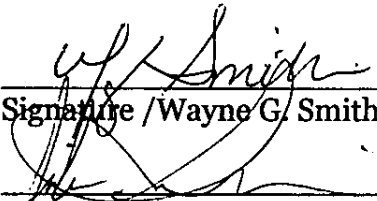
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The undersigned incorporators certifies both that they executed these Articles for the purposes herein stated, and that by such execution, they affirm the understanding that should any of the information in these Articles be intentionally or knowingly misstated, they are subject to the criminal penalties for perjury set forth in Federal Statute as if this document had been executed under oath.


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*Having been named as registered agent to accept services for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent to act on this capacity.*

  
Signature / Andrew Thomas, Registered Agent

12/15/07  
Date

  
Signature / Wayne G. Smith, Incorporator

15 Dec 2007  
Date

  
Signature / Justin A. Simmons, Incorporator

15 Dec 2007  
Date

  
Signature / Christie L. Collins, Incorporator

13 Dec 2007  
Date