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SUBJECT: LACOOCHEE AREA Redevelopment Corporation
(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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FROM: Ronnie L. Deese
Name (Printed or typed)

14651 21st St
Address

Dade City FL 33523
City, State & Zip

813-310-9599
Daytime Telephone number

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

Lacoochee Area Redevelopment Corporation

A Florida "Not for Profit" Corporation

The undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation under Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

I. NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the corporation is Lacoochee Area Redevelopment Corporation

II. PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation is located at 14651 21st Street, Dade City, Florida 33526.

III. MAILING ADDRESS

The mailing address of the Corporation is P. O. Box 278, 14651 21st Street, Dade City, FL 33526-0278.

IV. REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the registered agent of the Corporation is Ronnie L. Deese, 14651 21st St., Dade City, FL 33526-0278

V. DURATION/MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall become effective upon filing with the Secretary of State and shall have perpetual existence. The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission, if any, shall be regulated by the bylaws.

VI. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. There shall be 12 directors on the initial Board of Directors

B. The method of election of the Board of Directors shall be stated in the bylaws.

C. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are:

- a. Robert D. Sumner, 12117 Curley Rd., San Antonio, FL 33576
- b. Wilton Simpson, PO Box 735, Trilby, FL 33593
- c. Hutch Brock, 37402 Church Ave., Dade City, FL 33525
- d. Susan Arnett, United Way, 8040 Washington St., Port Richey, FL 34668
- e. A. Karen Marler, 38815 Cummer Rd., Lacoochee, FL 33523
- f. Eldridge Parrish, 21012 Fowler Rd., Lacoochee, FL 33537
- g. Billy E. Brown, PO Box 278, Dade City, FL 33526-0278
- h. Ronnie L. Deese, PO Box 278, Dade City, FL 33526-0278
- i. James Stalnaker, Jr., 14038 8th St., Dade City, FL 33525
- j. Robert Robertson, PO Box 665, St. Leo University, St. Leo, FL 33574

k. Janice Wells, PO Box 911, Lacoochee, FL 33537

l. Carlos Miramon, 20703 Floyd Rd., Lacoochee, FL 33523

VII. INCORPORATION

The name and address of the incorporator is Ronnie L. Deese, P. O. Box 278, 14651 21st St., Dade City, FL 33526-0278

VIII. CORPORATE PURPOSE

The purposes for which this corporation is formed are exclusively charitable and educational, and consist of the following:

1. To raise the economic, educational, social and health levels of the residents of Pasco County, Florida, including members of the minority community and the residents of the Northeast Pasco County, Florida community, 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 the end that (a) educational and economic opportunities may be expanded; (b) sickness, poverty, crime, and environmental degradation may be lessened; (c) racial tensions, prejudice, and discrimination, economic, and otherwise, may be eliminated, and (d) the educational, cultural and health levels for said residents may be elevated.
2. 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.
3. To expand opportunities available to said residents and groups to obtain adequate low-cost housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in Pasco County for personal 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 to thus lessen the burdens of government, and promote the social welfare. To provide such housing through rehabilitation of existing substandard 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.
4. To combat juvenile delinquency by supporting and providing programs of recreation and instruction for at-risk youth and their

- parents in Pasco County, Florida, including the Lacoochee, Trilacoochee, Trilby communities in Northeast Pasco County, Florida.
5. 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 carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.
 6. To provide the necessary tools and expertise to properly plan and develop an amendment to the Pasco County Comprehensive Plan and future Land Use Map so as to provide a guide to the redevelopment efforts and enhance the ability to improve and develop the area in a coordinated manner.
 7. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the 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, association, trusts, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
 8. 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.

IX. 501 (C)(3) LIMITATIONS

- A. **CORPORATE PURPOSES:** Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of the future United States Internal Revenue law, or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code, or the corresponding provision of any future federal tax code.
- B. **EXCLUSIVITY:** The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- C. **NO PRIVATE INUREMENT:** The Corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The corporation shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the directors, officers, or members thereof (if any); or to any individual, except as reasonable compensation for services actually performed in carrying out the Corporation's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets, profits and net income of the Corporation are irrevocably dedicated to

charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure to the benefit of any individual.


- D. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office.
- E. DISSOLUTION: Upon winding up and dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Corporation holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as may be directed by decree of the Circuit court of the district in which the Corporation's principal office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.

X. QUORUM

A quorum for a meeting of the Board of Directors shall be one-third plus one of the prescribed number of directors as determined under the bylaws.

Execution

These Articles of Incorporation are hereby executed by the incorporator on this 25 day of April, 2008.

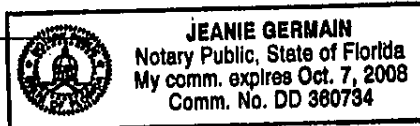

Ronnie L. Deese

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF PASCO

Execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation was acknowledged before me this 25 day of April, 2008, by Ronnie L. Deese, who produced _____ identification and/or is personally known to me.


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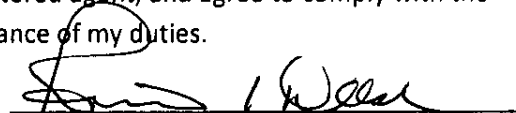


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REGISTERED AGENT'S
ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT

I, Ronnie L. Deese, Dade City, Florida, 33525, hereby accept my appointment as registered agent for the Lacoochee Area Redevelopment Corporation, a Florida not for profit Corporation. I am familiar with, and accept, the obligations of the position of registered agent, and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper performance of my duties.


Ronnie L. Deese
April 25, 2008
Date