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James Bauman 146 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736

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Tuesday, August 05, 2008

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

RE: Groveland Merchants Associations, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

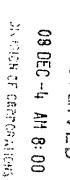
Enclosed please find a check in the amount of \$78.75; \$35.00 for filing fees, \$35.00 for Registered Agent Designation, and \$8.75 for a certified copy.

Also enclosed are two (2) sets of notarized Articles of Incorporation and Certificate of Registered Agent for the Not For Profit filing of Groveland Merchants Association, Inc.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call at the numbers above.

Very truly yours,

ames Bauman



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Division of Corporations

November 5, 2008

JAMES BAUMAN 146 E. BROAD STREET GROVELAND, FL 34736

SUBJECT: GROVELAND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

Ref. Number: W08000037325

We have received your document for GROVELAND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You failed to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your document.

An effective date <u>may</u> be added to the Articles of Incorporation <u>if a 2009 date is needed</u>, otherwise the date of receipt will be the file date. <u>A separate article must be added to the Articles of Incorporation for the effective date.</u>

Please return the corrected original and one copy of 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) 245-6973.

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August 7, 2008

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On the registered agent acceptance page, please check the spelling of James last name (Baumany).

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

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GROVELAND MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, being of legal age and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a not for profit corporation pursuant to chapter 617 Florida Statutes, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and does hereby agree and certify as follows:

ARTICLE I NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The name of this Not For Profit Corporation shall be "Groveland Merchants Association, Inc.", hereinafter referred to as "Corporation", whose principal office shall be located at 110 E. Broad St., Groveland, FL. 34736.

ARTICLE II COMMENCEMENT & DURATION OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

This Corporation shall commence corporate existence immediately upon the filing of these Articles with the Florida Department of State, and shall have perpetual existence unless sooner dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose of this Corporation shall be to improve and maintain the integrity of the commercial market in the City of Groveland region, by promoting the use of goods and services of the businesses therein, influencing legislation germane to the common business interests of the organization's members, and encouraging higher business standards and better business methods through uniformity and cooperation of business entities.

ARTICLE IV GENERAL POWERS

The general powers of this Corporation shall be as set forth in Florida Statutes, Chapter 617 Corporations Not For Profit.

ARTICLE V DISSOLUTION OF ASSETS

The Board of Directors shall adopt a plan for the dissolution of assets which shall be in accordance with Florida Statutes, Chapter 617 Corporations Not For Profit.

ARTICLE VI BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The election of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth in the Corporation Bylaws. The initial Directors of this Corporation shall be as follows:

ARTICLE VII INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The initial registered office of this Corporation shall be located at 146 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736, and the initial registered agent of the Corporation at that address shall be James Bauman. The Corporation may change its registered agent or the location of its registered office, or both, from time to time without amendment of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE VIII CORPORATE OFFICERS

This Corporation shall have four (4) officers initially. The number of officers may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Corporation Bylaws. The election of officers shall be as set forth in the Corporation Bylaws. The name, position, and street addresses of the initial officer(s) of this Corporation are:

Roy Dubois, President 110 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736

William McLain, Vice President 158 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736

James Bauman, Secretary 146 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736

Brett Hamilton, Treasurer 208 N. Main Ave. Groveland, FL. 34736

ARTICLE IX INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles as Incorporator is:

James Bauman 146 E. Broad St. Groveland, FL. 34736

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided by law, this corporation reserves the right and power to amend, adopt, alter or repeal any provision contained in theses Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto, and the bylaws of the corporation when adopted, and any right conferred upon the membership is subject to this reservation. The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal the bylaws shall be vested solely in the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE XI INDEMNIFICATION

In addition to any and all rights and duties under applicable law, the Corporation shall indemnify and hold harmless all of its directors, officers, employees, agents, membership and former directors, officers, employees, agents, and membership from and against all liabilities and obligations, including attorneys' fees, incurred in connection with any actions taken or failed to be taken by said directors, officers, employees, agents, and membership in their capacity as such to the fullest extent possible under law.

ARTICLE XII CONFLICTS OF INTEREST

No contract or other transaction between this Corporation and any other corporation, and no act of this Corporation, shall in any way be affected or invalidated by the fact that any of the Directors of this Corporation are pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, or are the directors or officers of such other corporation(s). Any Director individually, or any firm of which any Director may be a member, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in any contract or transaction of this Corporation, provided that the fact that he or such firm is so interested shall be disclosed or shall have been known to the Board of Directors or a majority thereof, and any Director of this Corporation who is also a director or an officer of such other Corporation, or who is so interested may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting of the Board of Directors of this Corporation which shall authorize any such contract or transaction with like force and effect as if he or she were not such a director or officer of such other corporation, or not so interested.

ARTICLE XIII LIMITED LIABILITY OF MEMBERSHIP

The private property of the directors, officers, agents or membership shall not be subject to payment of the Corporation's debts to any extent.

ARTICLE XIV HEADINGS AND CAPTIONS

The headings or captions of these various articles are inserted for convenience and none of them shall have any force or effect, and the interpretation of the various articles shall not be influenced by any of said headings or captions.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida to do business both within and Without the State of Florida. hereby makes and files these Articles of Incorporation declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true, and hereby subscribe thereto and hereunto sets his hand and seal this 3 day of 5 day of 2008, A.D.

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BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary Public, duly authorized in the aforesaid State and County to take oaths and acknowledgments, personally appeared, James Bauman, who provided positive identification in the form of Clof. On Developing, number 152 47-018- On who, after first being duly sworn by me, deposes and states that she is the person named in the above and forgoing Articles of Incorporation, she has read same over carefully, completely and thoroughly, and that to the best of Affiant's knowledge, information and belief, all of the matters, facts and statements set forth therein are all true, accurate and correct.

James Bauman

SWORN and SUBSCIBED to before me this 31 day of 11ly, 2008, A.D.

Notary Public, State of Florida

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My Commission Expires:

(N.P. Seal)



CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA AND REGISTERED AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAYBE SERVED

In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:

Groveland Merchants Association. Inc., desiring to organize as a not for profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida with its registered office at 146 E. Broad St., Groveland, FL. 34736, has named and designated James Bauman as its Registered Agent to accept service of process within the State of Florida.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties as Registered Agent.

Dated this <u>35</u> day of <u>1/00</u>, 2008 A.D.

James Bauman

Registered Agent