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RE:

The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc.

Letter No. 909A00039102

Dear Ms. Herring:

Enclosed please find a copy of your <u>letter number 909A00039102</u> along with the corrected original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

Very sincerely,

Catherine A. Hansen, Secretary to

Melville G. Brinson, III, Esq.

Enclosures



December 24, 2009

MELVILLE G. BRINSON, III 8359 STRINGFELLOW ROAD, UNIT A, SUITE 10 ST. JAMES CITY, FL 33956

SUBJECT: THE PINE ISLAND FOOD PANTRY, INC.

Ref. Number: W09000055602

We have received your document for THE PINE ISLAND FOOD PANTRY, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation must be prepared in compliance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. Please refer to that section of the law for assistance.

Please remove the Capital Stock nonprofits corporations dont list stock.

An effective date <u>may</u> be added to the Articles of Incorporation <u>if a 2010 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) 245-6962.

Letter Number: 909A00039102

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE PINE ISLAND FOOD PANTRY, INC.

The undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a Non-Profit Corporation under a Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, do hereby certify:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the non-profit corporation hereinafter referred to as The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc. The initial principal place of business shall be located at 12175 Stringfellow Road, Bokeelia, Florida 33922.

ARTICLE II. NATURE OF BUSINESS

Said Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The specific purpose is to perform any functions necessary to procure food and distribute same to our neighbors who are in need. Those functions include but are not limited to soliciting and collecting donations of funds and food, participation in fundraising activities, warehousing, and distributing the food.

ARTICLE III. MEMBERSHIP

Membership is limited to volunteers who have submitted applications to The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc. which applications have met criteria which will be established by The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc. and which have been accepted as approved members for The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc. Each approved member is entitled to one vote on issues brought before the membership. Any member whose application has been accepted is a "approved member". Should at any time the corporation decide that a particular member may no longer serve as a member of The Pine Island Food Pantry, Inc., the member will be so notified in writing and the member will no longer be considered an "approved member". A member no longer considered an approved member pursuant to this provision shall no longer be entitled to vote on issues brought before the membership.

ARTICLE IV. AMENDMENTS

Amendments to the Articles of Incorporation may be proposed and adopted at any regular or specially called meeting of the members of the Association or any annual meeting of the Association.

ARTICLE V. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office and agent of the corporation shall be: Melville G. Brinson, III, 8359 Stringfellow Road, Unit A, Suite 102, St. James City, Florida 33956.

ARTICLE VI. TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

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ARTICLE VII. INITIAL OFFICERS

The names and addresses of the persons who are the initial officers of the corporation are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Office</u>	<u>Address</u>
David Higgins	President	7997 Judge Bean Road, Bokeelia, FL 33922
Patty Shelton	Vice President	16907 Captains Drive, Bokeelia, FL 33922
Barbara LaPlante	Tresurer	2343 Date Street, Street, James City, FL 33956
Dave Grueser	Secretary	4757 Woodstock Road, St. James City, FL 33956
Paula Montgomery	Director	7858 Breakwater Court, Bokeelia, Fl. 33922

ARTICLE VIII. EARNINGS

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 in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article II hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing 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 a 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.

ARTICLE IX. DISSOLUTION

Upon the 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 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 X. INDEMNIFICATION

Any person (and the heirs, executors, and administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suit of proceeding by reason of the fact that he or she is or was a Director of Officer of the Corporation shall be indemnified by the Corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by them (or by their heirs, executors or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or

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proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit or proceeding that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of their duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Officer (or such heirs, executors or administrators) may be entitled apart from this Article.

ARTICLE X. EFFECTIVE DATE

ARTICLE X. INCORPORATOR

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

Melville G. Brinson, III, Esquire 8359 Stringfellow Road, Unit A, Suite 102 St. James City, FL 33956

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has signed these Articles of Incorporation on this 15th day of December 2009.

Melville G. Brinson, III, Incorporator

I hereby acknowledge and accept the designation of registered agent for this corporation.

Melville G. Brinson, III

SECRETARY OF STATE

APPROVEL AND