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Department of State
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SUBJECT: Community Based Economic Council, 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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☐ \$78.75
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☐ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
Name (Printed or typed)

3042 Crawfordville Highway
Address

Crawfordville, FL 32327
City, State & Zip

(850) 926-8245
Daytime Telephone number

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE I
Name

The name of this corporation shall be COMMUNITY BASED ECONOMIC COUNCIL, INC.

ARTICLE II
Principal Place of Business

The principal place of business of the corporation shall be located at 387 Woodville Highway, Crawfordville, Florida 32327 with any other place of business as may be determined and fixed by the board of directors from time to time. The mailing address of the corporation will be the same as the principal place of business.

ARTICLE III
Purpose

The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows:

- (a) To alleviate human suffering and distress related to living conditions; to better improve residential areas of local communities.
- (b) To solicit donations and apply for private and public grants and acquire loans to carry out the goals of the corporation in the corporation's individual capacity or as subgrantees, assignees or subcontractors.
- (c) To provide persons of need without financial means or assistance including but not limited to low income, persons with disabilities and the elderly with information, liason assistance and to perform or outsource necessary repair, maintenance and weatherization services and renovations of their homes with severe needs to meet local, state and federal energy efficient and safety laws and ordinances.
- (d) To educate and appropriate positive publicity of these projects into the community.
- (e) To engage in all activities not specifically prohibited by law which are reasonably calculated to further the purposes stated herein of this corporation.
- (f) To further energy efficient and safe homes for persons of need either through staff members, or by referral to outside sources. Such services shall include but not limited to construction of walls, windows and floors, roof repair or replacement, window replacement, and heating and air facilities.
- (g) To provide extensive education regarding the need for energy conservation and the benefits thereof throughout local communities.
- (h) To provide for energy efficiency testing of furnaces, windows, hot water heaters, and insulation and to hire testing companies or employees to perform such testing.
- (i) To establish working partnerships between energy producers, product manufactures and contractors to produce more energy efficient buildings and save energy for future use.
- (j) To assist those without financial means needing such services stated herein and all related activities including acquisition of income as may be appropriate for housing needs.
- (k) To do all activities and services allowed in accordance with the not-for-profit statutes of Florida Law.

ARTICLE IV
Exemption Requirements

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

- 1. The corporation shall not afford pecuniary gain, incidentally or otherwise to its members. No part of the net earnings of this corporation shall benefit any member of the corporation, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation affecting one or more of its

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purposes. Such net earnings, if any, of this corporation shall be used to carry out the nonprofit corporate purposes set forth in Article III above.

2. 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.
3. The corporation in furtherance of its corporate purposes above set forth shall have all the powers granted to not-for-profit corporations by the Florida not-for-profit corporate laws. The corporation shall have the right to exercise such other powers as now are, or hereafter may be, conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes hereinabove set forth or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the furtherance thereof.

ARTICLE V Duration

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

ARTICLE VI Membership/Board of Directors

This corporation shall have one or more classes of members, as provided in the corporation's bylaws. The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined in the corporation's bylaws. No Director shall have any right, title, or interest in or to any property of the corporation.

The number of Directors constituting the first Board of Directors is three (3) to be increased five (5) or more at the first meeting of the Board of Directors, their names and addresses being as follows:

Ann Highstreet 5565 Whispering Woods Dr., Pace, FL 32571

Ralph Thomas 637 Hunters Trace, Crawfordville, FL 32327

Cleve Fleming 95 Mill Hollow Dr., Crawfordville, FL 32327

Members of the first Board of Directors shall serve until the first annual meeting (February 2010), at which their successors are duly elected and qualified, or removed as provided in the bylaws. No member of the Board of Directors shall receive any compensation for his/her services as such Director, but any Director may be employed by the corporation in a capacity or capacities other than as a Director and be compensated by the corporation for such services. Any Director or Officer may be reimbursed for expenses incurred out of their own personal monies.

ARTICLE VII Executive Committee

The Board of Directors will appoint the executive committee to run the day to day operations of the corporation.

ARTICLE VIII Personal Liability

No 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 officer, or Directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

ARTICLE IX Dissolution

At the time of dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all debts, obligations, liabilities, costs and expenses of the corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the


corporation. In no case shall a disposition be made which would not qualify as a charitable contribution under Section 170 (c)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now enacted or hereafter amended, in such manner as the Board of Directors shall determine.

ARTICLE X
Incorporators

The name and post office address of the incorporator of this corporation is Frances Casey Lowe, Frances Casey Lowe, P.A., and P.O. Box 306, Crawfordville, Florida 32326.

The undersigned incorporator certifies that she has executed these articles of incorporation for the purposes herein stated.

Dated this 29 day of January, 2010.

 L.S.
Frances Casey Lowe
Frances Casey Lowe, P.A.
3042 Crawfordville Highway
Crawfordville, FL 32327

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE AND NAMING AGENT
UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF F.S. 607.0501, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is: Community Based Economic Council, Inc.
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Frances Casey Lowe
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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Dated: January 29, 2010.

By Frances C Lowe
Name: Frances Casey Lowe, Registered Agent