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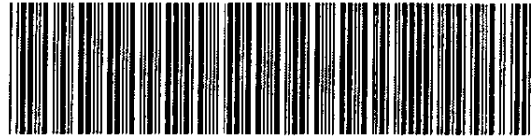
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Subject: Tampa Area Taxi Drivers Association/TATDA/

Enclosed are an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a money order for \$ 87.50 for filing fee, certified copy and certificate.

From: Degu Leta

4018 W. La Salle St.
Tampa, FL 33607

Phone; 612 382 9352

deguleta@yahoo.com



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

May 4, 2011

DEGU LETA
4018 W. LA SALLE ST
TAMPA, FL 33607

SUBJECT: TAMPA BAY AREA TAXI DRIVERS ASSOCIATION, (TATDA)
Ref. Number: W11000024892

We have received your document for TAMPA BAY AREA TAXI DRIVERS ASSOCIATION, (TATDA) 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 name of the entity must be identical throughout the document.

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing an application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

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.

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Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

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Whereas, we recognize the severity of the struggle daily faced by individual Taxi Drivers in the Tampa Bay area;

Whereas, we realize the essential cause for such worsening working conditions mainly stem from the lack of the necessary economic and business leverage by individual Taxi Drivers in the Tampa Bay area;

Whereas, we understand the need for an advocacy association to level the market place in order to afford an equal, fair, and reasonable competitive opportunity for each individual Taxi Driver in the Tampa Bay area;

Whereas, we are convinced that a voluntary association of all willing Taxi Drivers in the Tampa Bay area will significantly help in assuring safe and pleasant working condition and service both for the Taxi Drivers and all customers:

Whereas, we recognize the significance of forming a voluntary association in order to speak with one voice and to promote all causes in the interest of all members of the Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

Now therefore, in view of the foregoing and for reason expressed below and through subsequent bylaws and actions of the association, we the undersigned have voluntarily chosen to form an association of all willing Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers as expressly stated by these Articles of incorporation. These Articles of Incorporation are hereby made and acknowledged by the undersigned, to be filed with the Secretary of State, State of Florida, for the purpose of forming a corporation—not-for-profit—in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

Article I - Short title

These Articles of Incorporation may be cited as the Articles of Incorporation of the Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

Article II - Name and Address of Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

The name of the Association shall be the Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

The principal office shall be:

Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.

4018 W. La Salle St.

Tampa, FL 33607

The mailing address shall be:

All correspondence shall be delivered to the same address.

Article III – Term of Existence

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

Article IV – Purpose

Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. is formed to:

- A) Represent the interest of its members at all forums and perform advocacy activities through legislative and administrative efforts at local, State, and Federal levels of all offices and Agencies having administrative and regulatory authority and all local, State, and Federal offices and Commissions—public or semi-public or private—having jurisdiction or administrative authority to issue permits or licenses;
- B) Work with all local, State, and Federal offices and Agencies to secure safe and pleasant work environment;
- C) Assure proper and healthy readiness of Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. members for serving the public without compromising the ability of the Association members to earn sufficient earnings to provide reasonable living standard for themselves and their families.
- D) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall also engage in a constructive dialogue with the Local and State government branches including the state House of Representatives, the State Senate, and the Governor's office as well as any and all public Commissions related to and having jurisdiction over matters of interest to the Association members with the goal of securing respect, recognition, and protection of the rights and the privileges accorded to all individuals by the Federal and the State Constitutions.

- E) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall also represent its members in all areas of relevance with all appropriate offices and Agencies in order to secure the rights of its members and to insure conducive circumstances in every and all conditions which would facilitate all possibilities and conveniences for its members to give unsurpassed service to its clients without fear or intimidation by big companies and forces operating contrary to recognized market principles.
- F) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall be the voice of its members in negotiating individual or collective Taxi permits and/or licenses in order to properly operate with equal rights and privileges as other similar Associations in the same trade or service industry.
- G) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drives Association Inc. shall carry out its purposes through all available legal and appropriate means, and shall at all times endeavor to create safe and favorable working conditions for its members and assist members in providing an excellent, fast, timely, safe, and effective service for customers, without compromising the safety and security of drivers and passengers.
- H) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Associations Inc. shall provide leadership to put in place necessary and effective measures to assure that drivers are not overburden with long working hours by negotiating reasonable lease arrangements that can be fulfilled with reasonable daily working hours and eventually assist individual members who expressly seek to provide taxi services independently acquire permit or license through all available and legal means which enables them to work without fear or intimidation or without being discouraged by institutionalized monopoly within the industry.

Article V – Restrictions

- A) No private or individual member shall earn business benefit or profit from Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. activities except in properly documented cases of reasonable compensation or expense reimbursement for services rendered as authorized by the Association bylaws and local, State, or Federal laws having jurisdiction over the Association activities.
- B) No member, director or officer of the Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. or any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the Association assets on dissolution.
- C) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall not engage in any political propaganda or efforts to influence legislative outcome for the

purpose of political objective, without prejudice to its stated purpose of representing the interest of its members in order to protect the rights and the privileges of its members.

- D) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall not conduct or engage its assets and resources in any political campaign in support of a specific candidate.
- E) Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall observe all laws and regulations and shall not engage itself in any activities which might compromise its not-for-profit status.

Article VI – Scope and power

Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall have all the powers and prerogatives permitted under the laws of the State of Florida for not-for-profit corporations and shall collect membership fees and donations to cover its activities in order to legally and sufficiently attain its stated purpose. Membership fees shall be established by the Association bylaws. Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. shall have one class of members whose rights, privileges, designations, qualifications, and obligations, shall be specified by its bylaws.

Article VII – Directors

Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. activities and all its powers shall be conducted and exercised by a Board of Directors or by personnel designated by the Board of directors. The size and term of service of the Board of Directors shall be specified by the bylaws. However, the size of the Board of Directors shall be no less than three Directors which includes a Chairman, Secretary, and treasurer. The initial term of service for the first Board of Directors shall be one year. A Director may not serve on the Board of Directors more than three consecutive terms. Each Director must rotate off the Board at least for one term before attaining a seat on the Board again.

Article VIII – Initial Board of Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall serve for a term of one year beginning from the date of certified incorporation of Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. The initial Board of Directors shall draft and adopt the Association bylaws. The manner, duration, and frequency of election of the Board of Directors shall be as set forth by the Association bylaws. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are;

Chairman; Degu Leta
 12917 Terrace Springs Dr.
 Tampa, FL 33633

Secretary; Muluken Weldekirkose
 2901 N. Dale Mabry Hwy #214
 Tampa, FL 333607

Vice secretary: Taye Degefu
 6806 Twelve Oaks Blvd.
 Tampa, FL 33634

Treasurer; Eyob Eshete
 3557 Castway Dr. #1
 Tampa, FL 33615

Vice Treasurer; Eshete Saysse
 3132 W. Lambricht St.
 Tampa, FL 33614

Public Relation; Reshid Ayesmi
 4018 W. La Salle St.
 Tampa, FL 33607

Article IX – Amendment

The procedure for amending or modifying these Articles of Incorporation shall be as prescribed by the laws of the State of Florida.

Article X – Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc. or the winding up of its affairs, and, after the Association meets all of its obligations and liabilities, the remaining assets of the Association shall be transferred through appropriate procedure prescribed by the relevant law and through appropriate documentation to one or more comparable not-for-profit organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any subsequent Federal tax laws.

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Article XI – Registered office and Resident Agent;

Muluken Weldekirkose
4018 W. La Salle St.
Tampa, FL 33607

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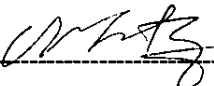
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Article Xii – Incorporator

The Incorporator of Tampa Bay Area Taxi Drivers Association Inc.is:

Degu Leta
12917 Terrace Springs Dr.
Tampa ,FL 33637

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated incorporation at the place designated in this certificate ,I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent agree to act in this capacity.



Registered Agent signature

05-13-11

Date

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155,F.S.

Degu Leta

Incorporator signature

05-13-11

Date