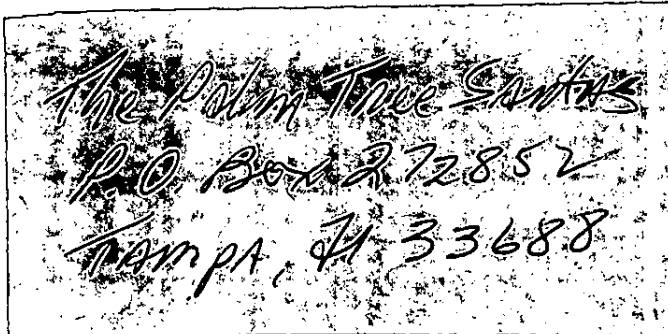


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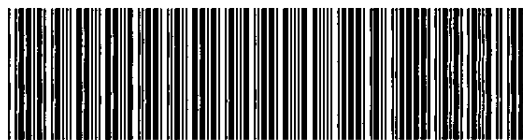
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

**ARTICLE I: NAME AND LOCATION**

The name of this Corporation shall be:

**THE PALM TREE SANTAS, INC.**

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE:**

Street Address

17604 Willow Creek Blvd  
Lutz, Florida 33549

Mail Address

P.O. Box 272852  
Tampa, Florida 33688

Email address:

santa@santatb.com

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**ARTICLE III: PURPOSE**

**Section 1:**

- A. The Corporation is organized as a social organization for Santas and their Ms. Clauses. To provide opportunities to benefit the children of our communities.
- B. The purpose of the organization of this Corporation is to operate as a Not For Profit corporation operating a lawful business.

**ARTICLE IV: MANNER OF ELECTION**

**Section 1: Nominations:**

A: Nominations of members in good standing, for positions on the Board of Directors, shall be solicited by the Election Committee starting no later than August 1 each year.

B: Nominations shall be submitted to the Nomination Committee by August 15<sup>th</sup> each year. The Committee shall certify each nomination and submit its finalized nomination list to the Board of Directors, no later than September 1<sup>st</sup>..

C: To be qualified, each Nomination must be endorsed by at least three (3) members in good standing and accompanied by:

- 1. a head-shot type photo.
- 2. a candidate statement or résumé, in one hundred (100) words or less.
- 3. a verifiable, clear criminal background check, obtained within the current year.

D: Qualified candidates shall be introduced by email to all members no later than September 15<sup>th</sup>, each year.

## **Section 2: Voting:**

A: Ballots shall specify the number of positions open for Directors at Large and shall list all qualified candidates. A photo and ballot statement or résumé, as submitted by each candidate, shall appear with each candidate's name. The ballots shall also list the members of the current Board and their remaining terms of office.

B: Each member in good standing may submit one and only one ballot to the Election Committee. Ballots must be electronically dated or postmarked no later than October 1st of the election year. One or more candidates may receive a vote on each ballot, up to the total number of openings for that election.

Ballots shall not be considered:

1. If the ballot envelope is not signed by a member in good standing,
2. If there are more votes than open positions.
3. If it is postmarked after the close of election

C. Qualified candidates receiving the highest number of votes, up to the number of Directors to be elected, shall be considered elected. Newly elected Directors shall be announced to the membership by email and considered seated on their election.

## **ARTICLE V: INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS**

Director: Robert Elkin, President  
P.O. Box 272852  
Tampa, Florida 33688

Director: Dan Gallagher  
14538 Basilham Lane  
Jacksonville, Florida 32258

Director: James Williams, Vice President  
4228 Golf Club Lane  
Tampa, Florida 33618

Director: Larry Porter  
1691 Holyrood Drive  
Melbourne, Florida 32935

Director: Dennis Pollard, Vice President  
440 Turkey Creek Dr.  
Alachua, Florida 32615

Director: Vic Sitmer  
7421 Trovita Road  
Land O Lakes, Florida 34637

Director: Ray Kraatz, Secretary-Treasurer  
4016 William Hume Dr.  
Zephyrhills, Florida 33541

Director: Dick Rhem  
7409 Celeste Drive  
Tampa, Florida 33619

Director: Dennis DuChene  
751 Southland Road  
Venice, Florida 34293

Director: David Smith  
18645 Kelly Road  
Spring Hill, Florida 34610

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Director: Harry Frantz  
5046 Shore Drive  
St. Augustine, Florida 32086

Director: Peter West  
352 NW Granville St.  
Port St Lucie, Florida 34986

Director: James Herbermann  
216 Beacon Way  
Santa Rosa Beach, Florida 32459

#### ARTICLE VI: REGISTERED AGENT


The name and address of the Registered Agent is:

James Williams  
4228 Golf Club Lane  
Tampa, Florida 33618

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

Required Signature of Registered Agent

  
JAMES WILLIAMS

Date

8/17/2011

#### ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR

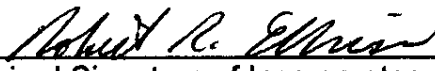
The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Robert Elkin  
17604 Willow Creek Blvd  
Lutz, Florida 33549

Mail Address  
P.O. Box 272852  
Tampa, Florida 33688

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.

Required Signature of Incorporator

  
Robert R. Elkin

Date

8/18/2011