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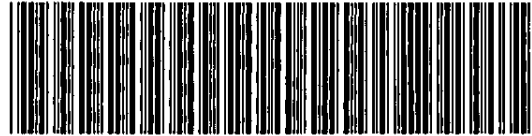
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## COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: FIREHOUSE CULTURAL CENTER, 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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Filing Fee &  
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☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: SANDY COUNCIL  
Name (Printed or typed)

101 1<sup>ST</sup> AVE. N.E.  
Address

RUSKIN, FL 33570  
City, State & Zip

813-520-3309  
Daytime Telephone number

MULLETRAPPERNEWS@GMAIL.COM  
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

**Firehouse Cultural Center, Inc. (A Corporation Not-for-Profit)**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, hereby associate ourselves for the purpose of forming a Florida corporation non-for-profit pursuant to Chapter 617 of Florida Statutes as amended and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME AND PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The name of this corporation shall be FIREHOUSE CULTURAL CENTER, INC., a Florida non-for-profit corporation. The principal office of the corporation is 101 1<sup>st</sup>. Ave. N.E., Ruskin, FL 33570.

**ARTICLE II**

**PURPOSES AND POWERS**

- a. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are exclusively charitable and educational within the meaning of Internal Revenue Code 501(c)3 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- b. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal Income Tax under IRC 501(c)3 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law.
- c. This corporation is organized to provide a multi-use cultural and educational facility that offers quality programming with a focus on the full spectrum of the arts and on education for all ages, and offers experiential connections to the arts and to the unique history, culture, and natural environment of the south county region.

d. This corporation may exercise all powers granted to a not-for-profit corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

### ARTICLE III MEMBERSHIP

The qualifications for membership and manner of admission is provided in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE IV DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence. Corporate existence shall commence upon filing with the Secretary of State.

### ARTICLE V MANAGEMENT

a. The affairs of the corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, which shall be elected at the annual meeting of the corporation. The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than five (5) persons but may be any number in excess thereof. Directors shall be elected or removed in accordance with the procedure provided in the Bylaws.

b. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, one or more Vice Presidents, a Secretary, and a Treasurer. The officers shall be elected and shall hold office in the manner provided in the bylaws.

### ARTICLE VI INITIAL DIRECTORS AND INCORPORATORS

The names and street addresses of the initial Directors and Incorporators are:

Sandy Council, 1203 1<sup>st</sup> St. SW, Ruskin, FL 33570

Bruce Marsh, 1105 10<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Ruskin, FL 33570

Art Keeble, 707 N. Franklin St., 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Tampa, FL 33602

## ARTICLE VII

### BYLAWS AND AMENDMENTS TO THE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The bylaws of the corporation shall be made, altered or rescinded by a majority vote of the voting membership present or voting by proxy at any regular meeting of the corporation or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors; provided, however, that notice thereof, which shall include in writing to each voting member of the corporation at least ten (10) days prior to the meeting at which such bylaws alteration is to be voted upon, whether it be a membership meeting or the Board of Directors meeting.

The Articles of Incorporation of the corporation shall be amended or additional provisions added or adopted by a two-thirds (2/3rd) vote of the members of the Board of Directors present at any meeting thereof; provided, however, that notice thereof, which shall include the text of the change in the Articles of Incorporation, has been furnished in writing to each voting member at which such Articles of Incorporation alteration is to be voted upon, whether is be a membership meeting or a Board of Directors meeting.

## ARTICLE VIII

### DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the corporation shall be turned over to one or more organizations which are exempt under sections 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code, or federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

## ARTICLE IX

### REGISTERED AGENT

The registered agent for the corporation shall be Sandy Council, 101 1<sup>st</sup> Ave., NE, Ruskin, FL 33570.

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ARTICLE X

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INDEMNIFICATION

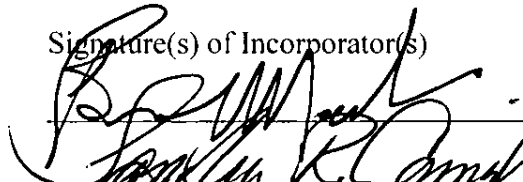
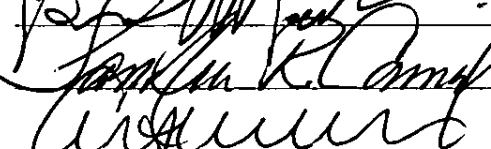

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The corporation shall indemnify any director, officer or employee of the corporation, or any former director, officer or employee of the corporation, to the full extent permitted by Florida law.

Dated the 7th day of February 2012

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned being the incorporator(s) of this corporation have executed these Articles of Incorporation.

Signature(s) of Incorporator(s)

 BRUCE MAESH  
 SANDY COUNCIL  
 ART KEEBLE

#### ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named 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, and I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I accept the duties and obligations of Section 607.325 Florida Statutes.



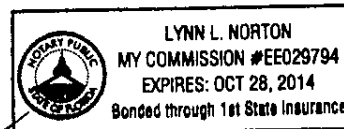
Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Hillsborough

Before me, the undersigned authority, personally appeared Sandra Council, to me well known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and acknowledge before me, according to law, that he~~he~~<sup>she</sup> made and subscribed the same for the purposed therein mentioned and set forth. IN WITNESS THEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7 day of Feb., 2011

Lynn L. Norton  
Notary Public



My Commission expires: Oct 28, 2014