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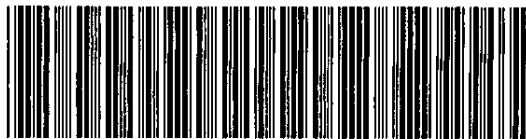
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July 27, 2015

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

Re: Linking Community Now, Inc.

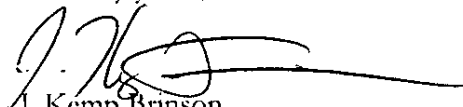
Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed are:

1. An original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of **Linking Community Now, Inc.**, a Florida non-profit corporation
2. Two fictitious name registration forms
3. Filing fees of \$170.00 representing:
 - a. \$70.00 filing fee for corporation, and
 - b. \$50.00 each for two fictitious name registrations.

I do not need any certified copies or certificates of status. If you have any questions, please contact me at 863-288-0234.

Sincerely yours,


J. Kemp Brinson



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

August 3, 2015

THE BRINSON FIRM
ATTN: J. KEMP BRINSON
PO BOX 582
WINTER HAVEN, FL 33882

SUBJECT: LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC.
Ref. Number: W15000052158

We have received your document for LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$170.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You must list at least one incorporator with a complete business street address.

Please return 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) 245-6052.

Tim Burch
Regulatory Specialist II

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC.**

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned Incorporator of LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation (the "Corporation"), for and on behalf of the Corporation, hereby executes these Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation:

WHEREAS: The name of the Corporation is LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC., a Florida not for profit corporation.

WHEREAS: The effective date of these Articles of Incorporation shall be upon the filing thereof with the Florida Department of State.

WHEREAS: Pursuant to the provisions of §617.1007 of the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, the Articles of Incorporation of the Corporation shall provide as follows:

**ARTICLE I.
NAME**

The complete legal name of this corporation shall be LINKING COMMUNITY NOW, INC. (hereinafter called the "Corporation").

**ARTICLE II.
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND/OR MAILING ADDRESS**

The address of the principal office address of the Corporation is 331 S. Florida Avenue (basement), Lakeland, Florida 33801 and the mailing address of the Corporation is 331 S. Florida Avenue (basement), Lakeland, Florida 33801.

ARTICLE III.
DURATION

The term of existence of the Corporation is perpetual. The corporate existence shall commence with the signing of these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE IV.
PURPOSE

The Corporation has not been formed for pecuniary profit or financial gain, and no part of the assets, income or profits of the Corporation are distributable to, or inures to the benefit of, its directors or officers; provided however, reasonable compensation as set by the Board of Directors may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation. No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall involve lobbying, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of 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 by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

This Corporation is organized and is to operate exclusively not for profit for educational purposes and such other purposes as the Board of Directors shall deem appropriate and which is lawful under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

For such purposes, and operating without profit, and in the manner stated, the Corporation shall have the power to:

- A. Engage in any and all activities which may be deemed necessary or appropriate for the proper and successful attainment of the objects and purposes for which this Corporation was created.
- B. Solicit, accept, hold and administer contributions received by deed, gift, will, ordinance, statute or otherwise; to own, hold, operate and administer or dispose of real and personal property, both in this state and all other states, territories and dependencies of the United States and generally to do all things necessary and proper to accomplish the purposes herein stated and permitted to like non-profit corporations by law.
- C. Provided further, that:
 - 1. Assets or property held in trust for the Corporation or by the Corporation for its corporate purposes as herein stated shall be segregated and identified as being so held, and shall not be held without disclosure of the fiduciary capacity in which they are held.
 - 2. The Corporation shall not engage in any transaction prohibited by Section 503(c) of the United States Internal Revenue Code as now enacted or as it may hereafter be amended.
 - 3. The Corporation shall not apply accumulation of income in any manner which may subject it to denial of exemption as provided in Section 504 of the United States Internal Code as now enacted, or as it may hereafter be amended.
 - 4. In the event of the dissolution of this Corporation, any assets of said Corporation then remaining shall be distributed to such organizations as shall qualify under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

ARTICLE V. BYLAWS

Except as otherwise provided therein, the Bylaws of this Corporation shall be made, altered and rescinded by a two-thirds majority vote of the Board of Directors voting at any regular Board of Directors meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE VI.
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a Board of not less than three (3) voting Directors and by such other officers of the Corporation as the Corporation may hereafter see fit to name and designate. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time by the Bylaws of the Corporation, but shall never be less than three (3) voting members. The present Board of Directors shall consist of three (3) Directors hereinafter named:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Doris Moore Bailey	7938 Benjamin Drive Lakeland, Florida 33810-5140
John Fitzwater	301 S. Florida Ave. (basement) Lakeland, Florida 33801
Sandra G. Sheets	1 Lake Morton Drive Lakeland, Florida 33801
Michael Trice	111 Lake Hollingsworth Drive Lakeland, Florida 33813
Chuck Welch	P.O. Box 716 La Crosse, Wisconsin 54602-0716

The method of election of Directors shall be set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VII.
MEMBERSHIP

The only members of the Corporation will be its Board of Directors.

ARTICLE VIII.
INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 720 S. Missouri Avenue, Lakeland, FL 33815 and the name of the Corporation's initial registered agent at that address is Virginia C. Harris.

ARTICLE IX.
AMENDMENTS

Any amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be adopted in the manner set forth in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE X.
ADDITIONAL RESTRICTIONS

A. The Corporation will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

B. The Corporation will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

C. The Corporation will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

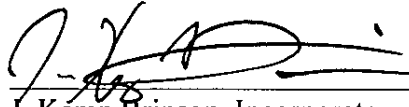
D. The Corporation will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

E. The Corporation will not make any taxable expenditures as defined in section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE XI.
CHARITABLE PURPOSE**

This organization is organized exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

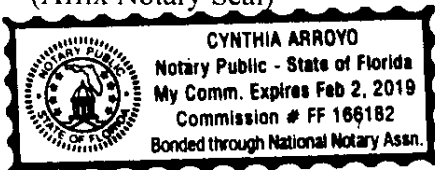
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator of the Corporation has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 27th day of July, 2015.



J. Kemp Brinson, Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

THE FOREGOING INSTRUMENT was acknowledged before me this 27th day of July, 2015, by J. Kemp Brinson, as Incorporator of LAKELAND COMMUNITY NOW, INC., a Florida not-for-profit corporation, on behalf of said Corporation, who is ☒ personally known to me or who has ☐ produced his Florida driver's license as identification.

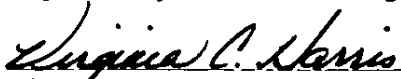
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NOTARY PUBLIC, State at Large
CYNTHIA ARROYO
(Type or Print Name of Notary)
My commission expires:

STATEMENT BY REGISTERED AGENT

I certify that I am familiar with and accept the responsibilities of Registered Agent.



Virginia C. Harris, Registered Agent

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STATEMENT BY INCORPORATOR

The incorporator's address is: J. Kemp Brinson
101 S. Lake Howard Dr.
Winter Haven, FL 33880

This is neither the principal place of business of the corporation nor the mailing address of the corporation and should not be listed as such.


J. Kemp Brinson
8/10/2015
Date