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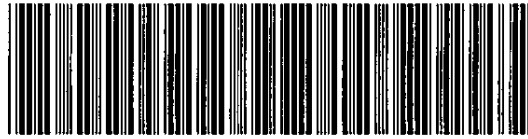
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November 18, 2015

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Post Office Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Via Certified Mail Return Receipt
No. 7014 1200 0000 3236 1398

Re: Filing of Articles of Incorporation for Hurst Chapel Community
Development & Empowerment Center, Inc.

Dear Sir or Madam:

Please find enclosed for the filing of the Articles of Incorporation for Hurst Chapel
Community Development & Empowerment Center, Inc. the following:

- Completed Cover Letter
- Check No. 1769 in the amount of \$78.75
- An original and two (2) copies of the Articles of Incorporation

Thank you and should you need anything further, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

C. MARTIN LAW, P.A.

Chrystal S. Thornton
Chrystal S. Thornton

Enclosures (as stated)

COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: HURST CHAPEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT 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 :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: CHRYSTAL S. THORNTON
Name (Printed or typed)

POST OFFICE BOX 2783
Address

LAKELAND, FLORIDA 33806
City, State & Zip

863-808-1799
Daytime Telephone number

pastorclark31@yahoo.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

HURST CHAPEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC.

(A Non-Profit Corporation)

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned incorporator, being of full age, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, without capital stock, under the supervision of Chapters 607 and 617, Florida Statutes do hereby accept all rights, privileges, benefits and obligations conferred and imposed by said law, and do hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation, not for profit, shall be HURST CHAPEL COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT & EMPOWERMENT CENTER, INC., hereinafter designated as "the Center".

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE and REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the principal office of the corporation is: 875 Avenue O NE, Winter Haven, Polk County, Florida.

The name of the Registered Agent of this corporation and address of the Registered Agent is: Ronnie L. Clark, 875 Avenue O NE, Winter Haven, Florida. The Certificate of Designation of Registered Office/Registered Agent attached hereto is incorporated herein and made a part hereof.

ARTICLE III

DURATION

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence, unless dissolved according to law.

ARTICLE IV

PURPOSES

The purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- a. This corporation will be organized as a 501(c)(3) Charitable Organization and shall operate exclusively for charitable, civic, educational, religious purposes; including for such purposes, the making of distributions on a non-sectarian, non-denominational basis to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. In furtherance of such purposes, it may promote, establish, conduct and maintain activities on its own behalf and it may contribute to or otherwise assist other corporations, organizations and institutions carrying on such activities.
- b. As a means and incidental to accomplishing the purposes for which this corporation is being organized, it shall have the following powers:
- (1) To accept, acquire, receive and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, exchange, lease, transfer, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever nature or description and wherever situated; and
 - (2) To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer or otherwise dispose of any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed law; and
 - (3) To borrow money and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute and issue bonds, promissory notes, bills of exchange and other obligations of the corporation for monies borrowed or in payment for property acquired of for any of the other purposes of the corporation and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, of by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regards to all or an part of the property, rights or privileges of the corporation, wherever situated; and
 - (4) To invest or reinvest its funds in such stocks, bonds, debentures, mortgages or other investments or securities and property as its Board of Directors shall deem advisable, subject to the limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant or gift; and
 - (5) To serve as trustee of any property, real or persona, wheresoever situated either within or without the State of Florida and also as Trustee of any Trust, endowment or portfolio; and
 - (6) In general, to exercise such other powers which now are or which 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 attainment of the purpose of the corporation, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.
- c. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, this corporation may exercise any and all, but no other, powers as are in furtherance of the exempt purposes and provisions as set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

- d. No part of the income or principal of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any member, director or officer of the corporation or any other private individual in such a fashion as to constitute an application of funds not within the purpose of the exempt organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. However, reimbursement for expenditures of the payment of reasonable compensation for services rendered shall not be deemed to be a distribution of income or principal.
- e. No part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, or of participating in, or intervening in (including the publishing or distributing of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- f. In the event of the complete or partial liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, whether voluntary or involuntary, no member, director or officer shall be entitled to any distribution or division of the corporation's property or its proceeds. Any balance of money and other property received by the corporation from any source, after the payment of the corporation's liabilities, debts and obligations, shall be distributed in accordance with the then applicable State and Federal Laws, including Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or corresponding section of any future federal tax codes, and in the manner set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE V

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have three (3) initial directors. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time by the Bylaws, but shall never be more than Fifteen (15). The manner in which the Directors shall be elected shall be in accordance with the election process and/or terms contained within the Bylaws of the Corporation. The Pastor of Hurst Chapel African Methodist Episcopal Church of Winter Haven, Florida, Inc. shall be an ex-officio director.

The names and addresses of the initial Directors of the corporation are:

	<u>NAME</u>	<u>ADDRESS</u>
1.	Stephanie Campbell	Post Office Box 3772, Winter Haven, FL 33885
2.	John Ruffin	4622 Crestview Lane, Lakeland, FL 33813
3.	Viesta Skipper	880 Reflections Loop E., Winter Haven, FL 33884

ARTICLE VI

NON-STOCK BASIS AND QUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS

This corporation is organized under a non-stock basis. Members in the corporation shall be composed of any person who is a member of the community in need of the services provided by the Center or who supports the mission of the Center, has made application, made a donation to the Center as established from time to time by the Board of Directors, and has been approved for membership in the Center, as provided within the Bylaws of the Corporation. Membership must be approved by 51% of the Board of Directors, as then constituted. Any obligations, duties and liabilities of said members shall be set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII

DISPOSITION OF ASSETS ON DISSOLUTION

In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of this corporation shall be turned over to the charitable organizations as set forth herein or in the alternative, the interest therefrom to the charitable organizations if the principal should be invested in an endowment or any other such investment vehicle.

ARTICLE VIII

INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator of this incorporation is as follows:
Chrystal S. Thornton, 214 Hillcrest Street, Suite 1, Lakeland, Florida 33815.

ARTICLE IX

AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendment of these Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by the Board and presented to the Board of Directors for their vote. Amendments may be adopted by the affirmative vote of the majority of the members of the Board of Directors of the Corporation and as further set out in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE X

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officers, Trustee or employee of the Corporation, or any former officer or employee of the Corporation, to the full extent permitted by and as set forth in the Florida General Corporation Act.

I hereby 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 Section 817.155, Florida Statutes.

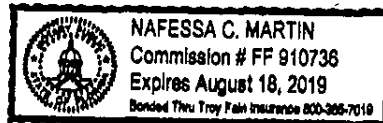
IN WITNESS HEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 18th day of November, 2015.

Chrystal S. Thornton
Chrystal S. Thornton

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF POLK

The foregoing Articles of Incorporation were acknowledged before me this 18 day of November 2015, by Chrystal S. Thornton, who is ✓ personally known to me OR who has presented the following identification: _____.

Nafessa C. Martin
Notary Public
My Commission expires:



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CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered agent/registered office, in the State of Florida.

1. Name of the Corporation: **Hurst Chapel Community Development & Empowerment Center, Inc.**
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is:

Ronnie L. Clark
875 Avenue O NE
Winter Haven, Florida 33881

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 obligations and appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Ronnie L. Clark
Signature of Registered Agent: Ronnie L. Clark

16 Nov 2015
Date