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

**SUBJECT:** ESTERO ISLAND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, 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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**FROM:** Lisbeth Freeman, Esq.  
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Name (Printed or typed)

11637 Kelly Road, Suite 301

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Address

Fort Myers, FL 33931

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City, State & Zip

239-437-5151

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Daytime Telephone number

beth@listbethfreemanlaw.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

September 13, 2016

LISBETH FREEMAN, ESQ.  
11637 KELLY ROAD, SUITE 301  
FORT MYERS, FL 33931

SUBJECT: ESTERO ISLAND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
Ref. Number: W16000063293

We have received your document for ESTERO ISLAND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

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.

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Valerie Herring  
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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
ESTERO ISLAND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC.

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**I. Name**

The name of this corporation is ESTERO ISLAND TAXPAYERS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
145 School St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

**II. Purpose**

- A. This organization is a nonprofit social welfare corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. The corporation is organized and will be operated exclusively for educational and social welfare purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- B. The purposes for which the corporation is organized are to promote social welfare within the meaning of section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code, including but not limited to: (1) developing and advocating for legislation, regulations, and government programs to improve the general quality of life of the Fort Myers Beach community, the health of the business community and economy of Fort Myers Beach, and the health of our sensitive environment, protect natural resources, and stimulate the economy and (2) conducting research and publicizing the positions of elected officials concerning these issues.

**III. Limitations**

- A. This corporation is not organized for profit, and no part of the net earnings of this corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member of the Board of Directors or any other individual except that this corporation may make payments of reasonable compensation for actual services rendered.
- B. The corporation shall not lend any of its assets to any officer or director of this corporation, or guarantee to any person the payment of a loan by an officer or director of this corporation.
- C. The corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office to an extent that would disqualify it from tax exemption under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code.
- D. The corporation shall never be operated for the primary purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit. Notwithstanding any provision of these Articles of Incorporation, this corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States internal revenue law).

**III. Registered Agent**

The name and address in the State of Florida of this Corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Name: Lisbeth A. Freeman, Esq.  
Lisbeth Freeman Law PLLC  
Address: 11637 Kelly Road, Suite 301  
Fort Myers, FL 33908

#### **IV. Members**

This corporation shall have one class of members as provided in the Bylaws and pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act under Florida Statutes § 617.

#### **V. Directors**

The manner in which Directors shall be elected or appointed shall be provided in the By-Laws of the corporation. The names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as initial Directors until their successors are elected and qualified are:

Name	Address
Beverly Milligan	145 School St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931
Don Nyman	1728 S.E. 40th Terrace, Cape Coral, Fla. 33004
Bruce Butcher	8385 Lagoon Rd., Ft. Myers Beach, FL 33931

#### **VI. Amendment of Articles**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal, by the affirmative vote of a majority of the members of its Board of Directors, any of the provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **VII. Stock**

This corporation shall not have authority to issue capital stock.

#### **VIII. Funds and Assets**

This corporation shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes stated in these Articles of Incorporation. Upon the winding up and dissolution of this corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed to, and only to, one or more charitable or social welfare organizations.

**IX. Incorporators**

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The names and addresses of the incorporator is:

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Beverly Milligan

145 School St, Fort Myers Beach, FL 33931

**X. By-Laws**

The Board of Directors shall have the power to adopt, amend or repeal the By-Laws of this corporation. The By-Laws shall govern the operation of this corporation unless any By-Law conflicts with these Articles of Incorporation, in which case the Articles of Incorporation shall be controlling.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the Incorporators of Estero Island Taxpayers Association, Inc. and the initial directors named in these Articles of Incorporation on August 31, 2016.

INCORPORATOR

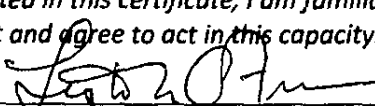
*I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that any false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.*

  
Beverly Milligan, Incorporator

8/31/16  
Date

REGISTERED AGENT

*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.*

  
Lisbeth A. Freeman, Registered Agent

8/31/16  
Date