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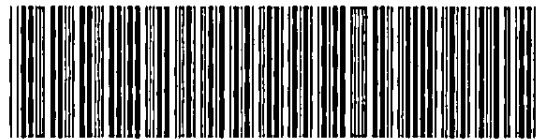
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## COVER LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** GREATER WELAKA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, 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:** JOHN KEY, ESQ.

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Name (Printed or typed)

415 SAINT JOHNS AVE, STE 2

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Address

PALATKA FL 32177

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City, State & Zip

386-385-3646

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Daytime Telephone number

bl\_gamewarden@hotmail.com

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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  
GREATER WELAKA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

We, the undersigned natural persons, of the age of twenty-one years or more, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617 Florida Statutes, the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS

The name of this corporation is GREATER WELAKA VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., and its principal place of business is 409 Palmetto Street, Welaka FL 32193..

ARTICLE 2. DURATION

The period of duration for this corporation shall be perpetual or until such time as the Board of Directors shall adopt a resolution recommending that the corporation be dissolved pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE 3. MISSION

The mission of this Corporation shall be to provide fire protection and emergency services to the Welaka Fire District and surrounding areas of Putnam County, Florida, that so need or desire such services and which the Corporation can provide without undue inconvenience.

ARTICLE 4. PURPOSES

This Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

ARTICLE 5. MEMBERS

This corporation shall have one class of members as provided in the By-laws and pursuant to the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE 6. STOCK

This corporation shall not have authority to issue capital stock.

ARTICLE 7. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 400 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Welaka FL 32193, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Robert Lee, residing in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE 8. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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.

ARTICLE 9. FUNDS AND ASSETS

This corporation shall use its funds only to accomplish the purposes stated in these Articles of Incorporation. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be

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distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to 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 (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, after paying or adequately providing for the debts and obligations of the organization, the remaining assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

#### ARTICLE 10. 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:

Robert Lee, 311 South 2<sup>nd</sup> St., Satsuma FL 32189  
Mike Haire, 100 Magnolia Lane, Georgetown FL 32139  
Jessica Finch, 1001 Front St., Welaka FL 32193  
Gordon Sands, #2 Mill St., Welaka FL 32193  
Lorey Haire, 100 Magnolia Lane, Georgetown FL 32139  
Larry Peter, 150 Paradise Dr., Welaka FL 32193  
• Michael Porath, 216 Sportsman Dr., Welaka FL 32193  
Laurie Porath, 216 Sportsman Dr., Welaka FL 32193  
Bill Miller, P.O. Box 1095, 517 Oak St., Welaka FL 32193  
Allen Rusek, 1074-101 Front St., Welaka FL 32193

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#### ARTICLE 11. INCORPORATORS

The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is/are:

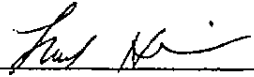
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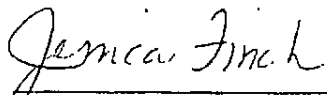
#### ARTICLE 12. BY-LAWS

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, we have hereunto subscribed our names this July 11, 2019.

  
ROBERT LEE

  
MIKE HAIRE

  
JESSICA FINCH

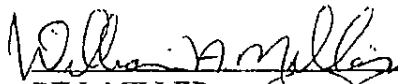
  
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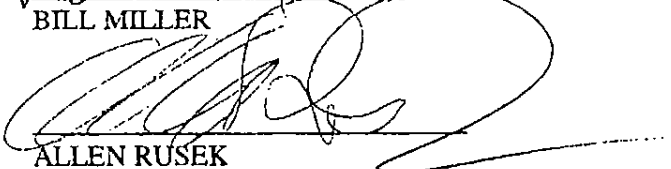
  
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Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for Greater Welaka Volunteer Fire Department, Inc., the above stated corporation, at the place designated in these Articles, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Robert Lee  
Robert Lee, Registered Agent

8-10-19  
Date

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.

Robert Lee  
Robert Lee, Incorporator

8-10-19  
Date