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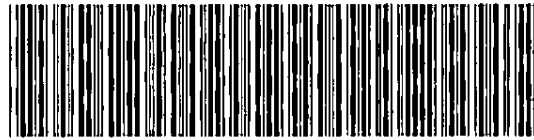
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Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

SUBJECT: Refuge on the Ridge, 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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☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Anderson P. Blair
Name (Printed or typed)

850 Osceola Avenue
Address

Lake Wales, Florida 33853
City, State & Zip

(863) 605-7170
Daytime Telephone number

andy.blair@highpointlw.com

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

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

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

In compliance with Chapter 617, F.S., (Not for Profit)

ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation shall be: Refuge on the Ridge, Inc.

ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

Principal street address:
Anderson P. Blair

850 Osceola Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Mailing address, if different is:

ARTICLE III PURPOSE

The purpose for which the corporation is organized is: exclusively religious, charitable, literary and educational within the meaning of Section 510(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986. The general nature of the corporation shall be to propagate among all people the Gospel of Jesus Christ based upon the records contained in the Holy Bible, through all operation of a New Testament church that shall be known as Refuge on the Ridge. In order to carry out said purpose we shall be empowered to minister to the spiritual, emotional and physical needs of the people with life-controlling problems, to train lay leaders in ministry; to disciple people in the Christian faith; minister to people in prisons; minister in all areas of family counseling; to minister through retreats and seminars, through the production of media; to receive and distribute offerings to the support of the Kingdom of God.

ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION The manner in which the directors are elected and appointed: annual meeting

ARTICLE V INITIAL OFFICERS AND/OR DIRECTORS

Name and Title: Anderson P. Blair

Address: 850 Osceola Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Name and Title: Eric Hinshaw

Address: 3800 Chalet Suzanne Drive

Lake Wales, Florida 33859

Name and Title: Melissa Hilligoss

Address: 4045 Winding Vine Drive

Lakeland, Florida 33812

Name and Title: Jack Hilligoss

Address: 136 Dinner Lake Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33859

Name and Title: Victor B. Story

Address: 574 Clubhouse Drive

Lake Wales, Florida 33898

Name and Title: _____

Address: _____

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Name and Title: _____ Name and Title: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

Name and Title: _____ Name and Title: _____

Address: _____ Address: _____

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address (P.O. Box NOT acceptable) of the registered agent is:

Name: Anderson P. Blair

Address: 850 Osceola Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33853

ARTICLE VII INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator is:

Name: Anderson P. Blair

Address: 850 Osceola Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33853

ARTICLE VIII EFFECTIVE DATE:

Effective date, if other than the date of filing: _____ (OPTIONAL)

(If an effective date is listed, the date must be specific and cannot be more than five days prior or 90 days after the filing.)

Note: If the date inserted in this block does not meet the applicable statutory filing requirements, this date will not be listed as the document's effective date on the Department of State's records.

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



Required Signature of Registered Agent

10-9-20

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.



Required Signature of Incorporator

10-9-20

Date

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
REFUGE ON THE RIDGE, INC.
A Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation.

I, the undersigned, acting as incorporator of a corporation not-for-profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

ARTICLE I. NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Refuge on the Ridge, Inc.

ARTICLE II. ADDRESS OF THE CORPORATION

The initial street address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation shall be 850 Osceola Avenue, in the City of Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida.

ARTICLE III. REGISTERED OFFICE; REGISTERED AGENT

The mailing address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 850 Osceola Avenue, in the City of Lake Wales, County of Polk, State of Florida. The name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at such address is Anderson P. Blair.

ARTICLE IV. MEMBERS

The corporation shall have no members and shall not issue membership certificates. The corporation shall not issue shares of stock.

ARTICLE V. NOT-FOR-PROFIT

The corporation is organized pursuant to the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes. The corporation is not formed for pecuniary profit. No part of the income or assets of the corporation is distributable to or for the benefit of its directors or officers, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3) (referred to below as the "Internal Revenue Code"). If the corporation ever has members, no member shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets.

income or property of the corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3).

ARTICLE VI. DURATION

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE VII. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for religious, charitable, and educational purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, including coordinating and providing resources and support for communities in need and to organizations engaged in humanitarian efforts, including but not limited to relief of poverty and, based on biblical principles, spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

ARTICLE VIII. POWERS

1. The corporation shall have the rights and powers customary and proper for tax exempt non-profit corporations, including the powers specifically enumerated in Section 617.032, Florida Statutes.
2. The corporation shall have the power to acquire by bequest, devise, gift, grant, donation, contribution, purchase, lease or otherwise, any property of any sort or nature without limitation as to its amount or value, and to hold, invest, reinvest, manage, use, apply, employ, sell, expend, disburse, lease, mortgage, convey, option, donate or otherwise dispose of the property and the income, principal and proceeds of the property.
3. The corporation shall be empowered to do any and all lawful acts which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering, or attaining of the foregoing purpose.

ARTICLE IX. RESTRICTIONS

4. **Corporate Purpose.** Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, this organization shall not carry on activities that are not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
5. **Private Inurement.** The corporation is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure directly or indirectly to the benefit of or be distributable Directors or Officers, or Members (if the corporation were to ever have any). However, the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the religious, charitable, and educational purposes set forth in Article IV of these Articles.
6. **Lobbying and Political Campaigns.** No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda 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.
7. **Dissolution.** Upon dissolution or winding up of the corporation, all assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code as determined by the Board of Directors. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of exclusively for such exempt purposes by a court of competent jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located.

ARTICLE X. DIRECTORS

8. **Number.** The Board of Directors shall consist of not fewer than five (5) members and not more than nine (9) members. The initial directors shall be:

Anderson P. Blair

850 Osceola Avenue
Lake Wales, Florida 33853

Eric Hinshaw
3800 Chalet Suzanne Drive
Lake Wales, Florida 3359

Melissa Hilligoss
4045 Winding Vine Drive
Lakeland, Florida 33812

Jack Hilligoss
136 Dinner Lake Avenue
Lake Wales, Florida 33859

Victor B. Story
574 Clubhouse Drive
Lake Wales, Florida 33898

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9. **Powers.** The Board of Directors shall govern the corporation, and shall have all the rights and powers of a board of directors under the laws of the State of Florida and of the United States, as well as such other rights and authority as are herein granted. Such rights and powers shall include, but are not limited to, the power to adopt and amend the bylaws and other corporate governing documents (except these Articles of Incorporation), by a majority vote, in any way not inconsistent with the Articles of Incorporation, the laws of the State of Florida, or the laws of the United States.
10. **Term.** The term of each member of the Board of Directors shall be established in the bylaws.

11. **Election.** Directors shall be elected by the remaining Directors by a majority vote upon the expiration of a Director's term or vacancy for any reason (including positions created by an increase in the number of Directors).

ARTICLE XI. TAX EXEMPT STATUS

It is intended that the corporation shall have and continue to have the status of a corporation that is exempt from federal income taxation 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(a) as an organization described in 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3), and which is other than a private foundation as defined in 26 U.S.C.A. § 509. These Articles shall be construed accordingly, and all powers and activities of the corporation shall be limited accordingly. The corporation shall not carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation to such an extent as would result in the loss of exemption under 26 U.S.C.A. § 501(c)(3). All references in these Articles to sections of the Internal Revenue Code shall be considered references to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as from time to time amended, and to the corresponding provisions of any similar law subsequently enacted.

ARTICLE XII. INCORPORATORS

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Anderson P. Blair

850 Osceola Avenue

Lake Wales, Florida 33853

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ARTICLE XIII. AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLES

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be proposed by one of the Directors. Amendments may be adopted by 4/5th vote of the then existing Board. Additional requirements concerning proposal and adoption of amendments to these Articles shall be as set forth in the bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes on this 9th day of October 2020.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Anderson P. Blair', with a horizontal line drawn underneath the signature.

Anderson P. Blair

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