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#### SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

January 16, 2021

Amendment Section
Division of Corporations
P.O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re:

Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc.

Document No.:

N20000012780

Subject:

Division of Corporations Letter of January 6, 2021

Dear Sir or Madam:

In response to your correspondence of January 6, 2021 we submit the following to complete the filing of the Restated Articles of Incorporation for Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc., Document No. N20000012780:

- 1. Copy of the January 6, 2021 Letter of the Division of Corporations.
- 2. Signed Certificate by Incorporator accompanying the Restated Articles of Incorporation.
- 3. Two signed copies of the Restated Articles of Incorporation for Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc.

Our check in the amount of \$43.75 was previously submitted to you on November 16, 2020.

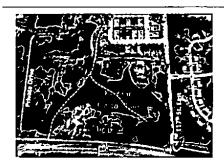
After the completion of the filing of the Restated Articles of Incorporation, please return a certified copy of them to us at your earliest convenience. Our mailing address is set forth below.

Thank you for your attention in this matter. Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any questions or need additional information for this request.

Very truly yours.

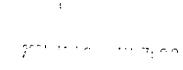
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President and Incorporator jay.d.osullivan@gmail.com



SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. 505 CHANTILLY TRAIL BRADENTON, FLORIDA 34212 wulczak@icloud.com





#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

January 6, 2021

SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. 505 CHANTILY TRAIL BRADENTON, FL 34212

SUBJECT: SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

Ref. Number: N20000012780

We have received your document for SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$43.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

A certificate must accompany the Restated Articles of Incorporation setting forth one of the following statements: (1) The restatement was adopted by the board of directors and does not contain any amendments requiring member approval; OR (2) If the restatement contains an amendment requiring member approval, the date of adoption of the amendment by the members and a statement that the number of votes cast for the amendment was sufficient for approval.

The document must have original signatures.

Digital or conformed signatures are not acceptable for non profit corporations.

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) 245-6050.

Irene Albritton Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 721A00000252

# CERTIFICATE BY THE INCORPORATOR OF SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

The undersigned, as the Incorporator of SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC., a Florida Non-Profit Corporation, hereby states and certifies that on or before November 12, 2020, I prepared the Articles of Incorporation of Save Gates Creek and Its Neighborhoods.

In trying to file the same electronically on November 12, 2020, I discovered that they could not be filed electronically in the form in which they had been prepared and with their intended content. In short, only a basic and abbreviated form of the Articles could be filed electronically at that time to establish the Corporation as a legal entity.

On November 16, 2020, to rectify this problem, I submitted to the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations, Restated Articles of Incorporation of Save Gates Creek and Its Neighborhoods as originally prepared by me before November 12, 2020 since they could not be filed electronically in their original form as I had expected on November 12, 2020.

As the Incorporator of Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc. and its President, I hereby state and affirm that the Restated Articles of Incorporation were what was prepared by me on or before November 12, 2020 as the intended form of the Articles of Incorporation.

These Restated Articles of Incorporation do not contain any amendments requiring member approval and were adopted by the Incorporator on November 12, 2020.

I submit this document and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that 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.

Dated this 16th day of January 2021.

Jay D´O'Sultívan

Incorporator and President

Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc.

#### RESTATED ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

#### SAVE GATES CREEK AND ITS NEIGHBORHOODS, INC.

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc. adopts the following Restated Articles of Incorporation:

### ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation shall be Save Gates Creek and its Neighborhoods, Inc.

### ARTICLE II Duration

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### ARTICLE III Effective Date

The effective date of incorporation was November 12, 2020.

### Article IV Principal Place of business and mailing address

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation is 505 Chantilly Trail, Bradenton, Florida 34212

#### ARTICLE V Purposes

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are to represent, protect and advance the interests of its members and the public, through advocacy, education, litigation and other appropriate means, in securing environmental protection and sensible use of the Gates Creek watershed and protecting its surrounding neighborhoods.

Its further purpose is to provide public education, legal service & planning expertise to promote broad & effective citizen involvement & governmental accountability in the comprehensive planning process & environmental & growth management in Manatee County, Florida

#### Article VI Members

The membership of the Corporation shall consist of the directors and such other persons as the directors shall admit to membership, on such terms as the directors shall determine or the bylaws provide in the event bylaws are adopted by the directors.

This Corporation will not have General Membership. Financial supporters will be given the title of "Donator Member" and volunteers will be given the title of "Volunteer Member.' Both Donators and Volunteers will have no rights to vote unless as directed by the Board of Directors. Donors and Volunteers accepted to the Corporation are allowed to participate in the activities of the Corporation as described in Article V. Volunteers also have the right to financially support the Corporation.

# ARTICLE VII Correspondence Name and Email Address

Jay D O'Sullivan 505 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, Florida 34212 jay.d.osullivan@gmail.com

# ARTICLE VIII Directors

The Directors of the Corporation are as follows:

Jay D O'Sullivan 505 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, Florida 34212

Walter Wulczak 510 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, FL 34212 Kimm Benedetto 545 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, FL 34212

Randy Clark 1025 Siberian Glen Bradenton, Florida 34212

# ARTICLE IX Officers

The officers of the corporation are as follows:

President:	Vice President & Treasurer	Secretary
Jay D O'Sullivan	Walter Wulczak	Randy Clark
505 Chantilly Trail	510 Chantilly Trail	1025 Siberian Glen
Bradenton, Florida 34212	Bradenton, Florida 34212	Bradenton, Florida 34212

### ARTICLE X Officers and Duties

In the case of the board consisting of only 3 members, one member will hold the Vice President and Treasurer positions. The duties of the officers are as follows:

- The President shall be in charge of all of its activities and business, convene regularly with the other officers and Board members as needed.
- The Vice President shall serve as the President's delegate as well as preside in the President's absence.
- The Secretary shall be responsible for keeping records of the board meetings, including

overseeing the taking of minutes at all board meetings, sending out meeting announcements, distributing copies of minutes and the agenda to each Board member, and assuring that corporate records are maintained.

 The Treasurer shall manage the financial affairs of the Corporation and shall be responsible for all funds, properties and securities held by the Corporation. The Treasurer shall make a report at each board meeting, reviewing all receipts and disbursements of the Corporation.

# ARTICLE XI Manner of Election of Directors and Officers

The Board of Directors and officers of this Corporation shall be appointed by the Incorporator, until the initial annual meeting in the month of June, 2021.

The initial directors shall serve until the first annual meeting of the members of the corporation in the month of June, 2021, at which director shall be elected to two-year terms. In the event of any vacancy among the directors, it shall be filled by a vote of the Board of Directors for the balance of the term. Officers may be replaced or appointed at any time by the Board of Directors.

# ARTICLE XII Bylaws

The Board of Directors may adopt such bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as it may deem necessary from time to time. Thereafter, the bylaws may be amended as provided in the bylaws.

# ARTICLE XIII Director Meetings

The Board shall endeavor to meet at least once a month in an agreed upon time and place, but actions required or permitted to be taken by the Board may be taken without an inperson meeting.

The Board shall endeavor to operate by consensus, but in no event can the Board act unless a majority agree.

Electronic mail shall be considered equivalent to any communication otherwise required to be in writing. Further, Board members shall also be permitted to participate in meetings through telephone or video communications if such can be arranged.

# ARTICLE XIV Corporate Powers

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributed to its Board of Directors, Volunteers or Donators or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized or empowered to pay reasonable reimbursements for actual and

necessary expenses in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article V.

The corporation shall not participate in or intervene in (including publishing or distribution of statements) political campaigns on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

# ARTICLE XV Registered Agent and Street Address

The name and street address of the registered agent is:

Walter Wulczak 510 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, Florida 34212

### ARTICLE XVI Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, 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 shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction in which the principal office of the Corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes, or to such organizations, as the Court of Competent Jurisdiction shall determine, which is operated exclusively for such purposes.

# ARTICLE XVII Incorporator

The name and the street address of the incorporator of these restated articles of incorporation is

Jay D O'Sullivan 505 Chantilly Trail Bradenton, Florida 34212

I am the incorporator submitting these Restated Articles of Incorporation and affirm that the facts stated herein are true. I am aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third-degree felony as provided for in section 817.155, F.S. I acknowledge that I have read the above "Notice of Annual Report" statement and understand the requirement to file an annual report between January 1 and May 1 in the calendar year following formation of this corporation and every year thereafter to maintain "active" status.

Jay\_D/O'Sullivan

Incorporator