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RE: Sower of the Seed Food Pantry, Inc.

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation for filing and check number 3228 in the amount of \$70.00 in payment of filing fees. Please use the above contact information for all correspondence and if further information is needed for this matter.

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions and thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Eric S. Haug

Enclosures

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF SOWER OF THE SEED FOOD PANTRY, INC.

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act (Chapter 617, Florida Statutes), hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE I - Name

The name of this corporation shall be: Sower of the Seed Food Pantry, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II - Initial Principal Office

The street and mailing address of the initial principal office of the corporation shall be as follows:

Street Address: 804 First Avenue, Steinhatchee, Florida 32359 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 315, Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

#### ARTICLE III - Purpose

This Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), specially including the following:

- 1. Provide emergency and supplemental food to all persons requesting food assistance;
- 2. Enlist the support and participation of local business groups, churches, private and civic service organizations, state and local food agencies, foundations, and private citizens to help ensure that local families and individuals have access to emergency and supplemental food;
- 3. To serve families and individuals requesting food assistance in Steinhatchee and surrounding communities in Taylor County, Florida.
- 4. To invest in, receive, hold, use and dispose of all property, real or personal, that may be necessary or desirable to carry into effect the aforementioned purposes; and
- 5. All other legal powers permitted a nonprofit corporation.

The Corporation shall transact any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act and distribute the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

No part of the earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any director or officer of the Corporation, or to any other person (except that the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to or on behalf of the Corporation and make other payments and distributions in furtherance of one or more of its purposes), and no director or officer of the Corporation, or any other person shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. The Corporation shall pay no dividends.

No substantial part of the activities of the Corporation shall be carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate or intervene in (including the publication or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The Corporation shall distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not make any investments in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

The Corporation shall not make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles of Incorporation, the Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be conducted or carried on by an organization exempt from taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and Regulations issued pursuant thereto as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or by an organization contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code and said Regulations as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended.

# ARTICLE IV - Term of Existence

The effective date upon which the Corporation shall come into existence shall be the date of filing of these Articles, and it shall exist perpetually thereafter unless dissolved according to law.

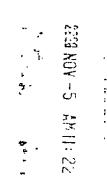
#### ARTICLE V - Initial Directors/Officers

The names, addresses and titles of the initial Directors/Officers are as follows:

Cherri Campbell, President 804 First Avenue Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

Donald Campbell, Vice President 804 First Avenue Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

Alicia Ferrell, Secretary and Treasurer 804 First Avenue Steinhatchee, Florida 32359



## **ARTICLE VI - Manner of Election**

The Directors shall be elected as provide for in the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VII - Bylaws

The Bylaws of the corporation may be adopted by the Board of Directors and altered, amended or repealed, and new and other Bylaws may be made and adopted, in accordance with such Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE VIII - Amendments

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation may be made and adopted in accordance with the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE IX - Powers

This Corporation shall have all powers conferred upon nonstock, not-for-profit Corporations organized under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes and any successor provisions thereto now enacted or hereafter amended but shall exercise such powers only in fulfillment of its above-stated purposes.

#### ARTICLE X - No Members

There are no members or members entitled to vote on the amendments. This Amendment and Articles of Incorporation was adopted by the Board of Directors.

#### **ARTICLE XI - Dissolution**

Upon the dissolution of this organization, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or 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.

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the assets of the Corporation shall be disposed exclusively for the purposes of the Corporation in such manner, or to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational or religious purposes, as shall at the time qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the court having proper jurisdiction in the county where 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 XII - Registered Agent and Registered Office

The name and street address of the initial Registered Agent of the corporation is: Donald Campbell, 804 First Avenue, Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

## ARTICLE XIII - Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator is: Cherri Campbell, 804 First Avenue, Steinhatchee, Florida 32359

#### ARTICLE XIV - Effective Date

The effective date of incorporation will be upon filing with the Florida Secretary of State.

#### Acceptance of Registered Agent

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of

all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

Donald Campbell, Registered Agent

Date

# Incorporator Execution and Submittal

THE UNDERSIGNED incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this day of October 2020.

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, Florida Statutes.

Cherri Campbell, Incorporator