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Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.

A Florida Non-profit Corporation

**ARTICLES OF
INCORPORATION**

ARTICLE I

NAME

1.01 Name

The name of this corporation shall be:

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.

The business of the corporation may be conducted as:

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II

DURATION

2.01 Duration

The period of duration of the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

3.01 Purpose

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc. is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. As such, the corporation may hold activities that are necessary or expedient in carrying out the charitable purpose of the corporation; to hold or give entertainment, solicit charitable contributions for distribution to locally-recognized and nationally recognized bona fide charitable organizations, and in general, to do any and all things necessary to carry out and further the charitable and educational purposes of the corporation.

3.02 Non-Profit

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc. is designated as a non-profit corporation.

ARTICLE IV

NON-PROFIT NATURE

4.01 Non-profit Nature

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc. is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** shall inure to the benefit of, or be 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 the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc. is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

4.02 Personal Liability

No officer or director of this corporation shall be personally liable for the debts or obligations of **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** of any nature whatsoever, nor shall any of the property or assets of the officers or directors be subject to the payment of the debts or obligations of this corporation.

4.03 Dissolution

Upon termination or dissolution of the **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.**, any assets lawfully available for distribution shall be distributed to one (1) or more qualifying organizations described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or described in any corresponding provision of any successor statute) which organization or organizations have a charitable purpose which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to the terminating or dissolving corporation.

The organization to receive the assets of the **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** hereunder shall be selected by the discretion of a majority of the managing body of the **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** and if its members cannot so agree, then the recipient organization shall be selected pursuant to a verified petition in equity filed in a court of proper jurisdiction against the **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** by one (1) or more of its managing body which verified petition shall contain such statements as reasonably indicate the applicability of this section. The court upon a finding that this section is applicable shall select the qualifying organization or organizations to receive the assets to be distributed, giving preference if practicable to organizations located within the State of Florida.

In the event that the court shall find that this section is applicable but that there is no qualifying organization known to it which has a charitable purpose, which, at least generally, includes a purpose similar to this corporation, then the court shall direct the distribution of its assets lawfully available for distribution to the Treasurer of the State of Florida to be added to the general fund.

4.04 Prohibited Distributions

No part of the net earnings or properties of this corporation, on dissolution or otherwise, shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers or other private person or individual, 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 III, Section 3.01.

4.05 Restricted Activities

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

4.06 Prohibited Activities

Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on (I) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax as an organization described by Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (II) 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.

ARTICLE V
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

5.01 Governance

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc. shall be governed by its Board of Directors who shall manage and conduct the affairs of the corporation until the first Annual Meeting, or until their successors are elected per the corporation's by-laws.

The Board of Directors shall consist of not less than three (3) members and not more than ten (10) members.

The Board of Directors shall be authorized and empowered to designate and to employ such assistant secretaries, assistant treasurers and/or Executive Secretary, and other clerical help at such remuneration and for such periods of time and with such powers and duties as the Board of Directors may from time to time determine and prescribe.

The Directors of the corporation shall be elected by a vote of its members at its regular Annual Meeting, to be held at the time and place specified and designated in the By-Laws of the corporation, and in such manner and pursuant to such regulations governing such election as maybe prescribed in the By-Laws. The Board of Directors shall hold their terms in office as members of such Board as prescribed in the By-Laws of said corporation.

5.02 Initial Directors

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Herrera, Francisco - President

7008 NW 99th Avenue

Tamarac, FL 33321

Ceciliano, Sharon - Vice-President

10500 Cobalt Court

Parkland, FL 33076

Lea, Brett C - Secretary-Treasurer

1170 SW 10th Street

Boca Raton, FL 33486

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ARTICLE VI
MEMBERSHIP

6.01 Membership

The qualifications for membership in this corporation shall be as follows:

- a) Any and all individuals employed by the City of Coconut Creek Fire Rescue
- b) Any and all individuals who have retired from the City of Coconut Creek Fire Rescue
- c) A qualified individual approved per the stated By-Laws of **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.**
- d) No member of the corporation who shall cease to be a member for any reason, shall be deemed to have acquired or continue to hold or maintain any right, claim or interest in and to the said corporation or any of the property, either real or personal, tangible or intangible, or otherwise acquired by this corporation by virtue of his membership in said corporation.

ARTICLE VII
AMENDMENTS

7.01 Amendments

Any amendment to the Articles of Incorporation may be adopted by approval of two-thirds (2/3) of the board of directors.

ARTICLE VIII
ADDRESSES OF THE CORPORATION

8.01 Corporate Address

The address of the corporation is:

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.
1170 SW 10th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

The mailing address of the corporation is:

Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.
1170 SW 10th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

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ARTICLE IX
APPOINTMENT OF REGISTERED AGENT

9.01 Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be:

Brett C. Lea
1170 SW 10th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

ARTICLE X
INCORPORATORS

The names and residences of the incorporators of the corporation who shall be the first Board of Directors of said corporation, and who shall manage and conduct the affairs of the corporation until the first Annual Meeting, or until their successors are elected per the corporation's by-laws are as follows:

Francisco Herrera, President
7008 NW 99th Avenue
Tamarac, FL 33321

Sharon Ceciliano, Vice-President
10500 Cobalt Court
Parkland, FL 33076

Brett C. Lea, Secretary-Treasurer
1170 SW 10th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

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CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

We, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the above stated Articles of Incorporation of **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** were approved by the board of directors on February 5, 2022 and constitute a complete copy of Articles of Incorporation of the **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.**

Francisco Herrera, President
7008 NW 99th Avenue
Tamarac, FL 33321

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Sharon Ceciliano, Vice-President
10500 Cobalt Court
Parkland, FL 33076

Signature: _____

Date: _____

Brett C. Lea, Secretary-Treasurer
1170 SW 10th Street
Boca Raton, FL 33486

Signature: _____

Date: _____

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT OF CONSENT
TO APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT**

I, Brett C. Lea, agree to be the registered agent for **Coconut Creek Firefighter/Paramedic Benevolent Association, Inc.** as appointed herein.

Brett C. Lea, Registered Agent

Date: _____

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