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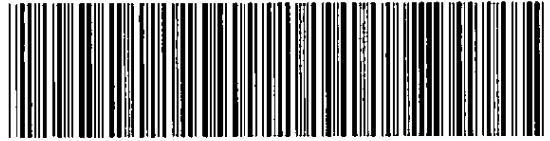
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April 2, 2024

JUDI HIGBEE
2820 MANOR DOWNS
THE VILLAGES, FL 32162 US

SUBJECT: HOMETOWN CHARITIES, INC
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was mailed.

We received your electronically transmitted document. However, the document has not been filed. Please make the following corrections and refax the **complete document**, including the electronic filing cover sheet. *Q # ?*

The registered agent must sign accepting the designation.

Section 607.0120(6)(b), or 617.0120(6)(b), Florida Statutes, requires that articles of incorporation be executed by an incorporator.

If you have any further questions concerning your document, please call (850) 245-6052.

Tabitha J Howell
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Thank!*

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COVER LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Hometown Charities, Inc.

(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75
Filing Fee &
Certificate of
Status

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$87.50
Filing Fee,
Certified Copy
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Judi Higbee

Name (Printed or typed)

2820 Manor Downs

Address

The Villages, FL 32162

City, State & Zip

352-272-7559

Daytime Telephone number

judihigbee@hotmail.com

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
of
HOMETOWN CHARITIES, INC.

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ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Hometown Charities, Inc.

ARTICLE II

NOT-FOR-PROFIT CORPORATION

The corporation is a not-for-profit corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The principal street address of the corporation is 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162.

ARTICLE IV

DURATION

The term of existence for the corporation is perpetual.

ARTICLE V

COMMENCEMENT OF EXISTENCE

The corporate existence will commence on the date of the filing of these Articles of Incorporation with the Florida Department of State.

ARTICLE VI

PURPOSES

The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for 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, 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.

The corporation is specifically organized as a domestic volunteer civic organization with the following purposes:

- (a) to raise funds and financially support and serve persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities; and further,
- (b) to raise funds and financially support and serve underprivileged women and children in the local community.

ARTICLE VII

PROHIBITED ACTIVITIES

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net earnings or assets of the corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, trustee, member or officer of this corporation, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be empowered and authorized to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article VI hereof.

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.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation; nor shall the corporation participate or intervene in any political campaigning (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE VIII

DIRECTORS

This corporation shall have a minimum of three (3) Directors at all times. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the bylaws of the corporation. The Directors of the corporation shall be elected in accordance with methods and qualification specified in the bylaws of the corporation. The following persons shall serve as the initial directors of the corporation until their successors are elected or until the first annual meeting called to elect directors:

Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162
Betty Rohan, 3314 Eisenhower Way, The Villages, Florida 32163
Laura McLaughlin, 3387 Brandywine Court, The Villages, Florida 32163

ARTICLE IX

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of this corporation, and after payment or provision for the payment of all liabilities of the corporation, the remaining assets 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, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or

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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 X

INDEMNIFICATION

The corporation shall indemnify any officer, director, agent or employee or any former officer, director, agent or employee to the fullest extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE XI

REGISTERED AGENT

The name and Florida street address of the registered agent is:

Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162

ARTICLE XII

INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

Judi Higbee, 2820 Manor Downs, The Villages, Florida 32162

Betty Rohan, 3314 Eisenhower Way, The Villages, Florida 32163

Laura McLaughlin, 3387 Brandywine Court, The Villages, Florida 32163

ARTICLE XIII

AMENDMENTS

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, by the affirmative vote of the majority of the directors.

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AFFIRMATION

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.

Incorporator Judi H. Hisee Date 4-12-24

Incorporator Betty Rohan Date 4-12-24

Incorporator Debra M. DePelle Date 4/12/24

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.

Registered Agent Judi H. Hisee Date 4-12-24

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