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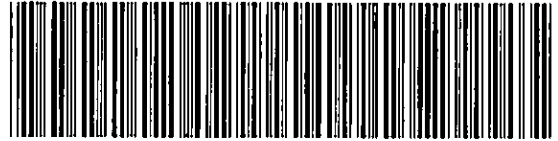
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FRANK CARTER, JR.  
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PORT ST LUCIE, FL 34953 US

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**

**The Phoenix Pioneers of Florida, Inc.**

**A Non-Profit Corporation**

The undersigned, being over the age of eighteen (18) years and competent to contract, for the purpose of organizing a Corporation not-for-profit pursuant to the laws of the **State of Florida**, does hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation, and does hereby agree and certify as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**NAME**

The name of this Corporation shall be The Phoenix Pioneers of Florida, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The physical and mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be

**2001 SW Beauregard St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

**ARTICLE III**

**PURPOSE AND POWERS**

(1) The purpose for which the Corporation is organized and operated is exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Such purposes shall include the following:

(a) Our mission is to recruit, train and prepare young African American men and women for a career in the Fire Service. We shall instruct individuals in the qualifications needed to be hired by Fire Departments in the state of Florida.

(b) We shall also mentor newly hired firefighters to be successful during their probationary period as well as throughout their career.

(2) As a means of accomplishing the above purposes and methods, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

(a) To receive and accept gifts of money and property and to hold the same for any of the purposes of the Corporation and its work.

(b) To raise and assist in raising funds for the purposes herein set forth, including the issuance of bonds or other instruments of credits.

(c) To acquire, own, lease, mortgage and dispose of property both real and personal.

(d) To accept property and donations in trust for religious or charitable purposes.

(3) The property of the Corporation is irrevocable dedicated to religious, educational and charitable purposes, and no part of the net earnings of the corporation/organization shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the corporation/organization shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes.

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

(b) The Corporation shall not:

(1) operate for the purpose of carrying on a trade or business for profit.

(2) accumulate income, invest income, or divert income, in a manner endangering its exempt status; or

(3) except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activity or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the Corporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

##### **MANNER OF ELECTION**

Directors shall be elected as set forth in the Corporation's Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE V**

### **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This Corporation shall have (3) directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time in accordance with the Bylaws but shall never be less than three (3). The name and street addresses of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

**Ret. Fire Captain, Frank Carter, Jr., – President, 2001 SW Beauregard St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

**Ret. Fire Captain, Bernard Jethro – Associate/Director, 3041 Penny Way, Fort Pierce, FL 34981**

**John Julmiste- Associate/Director, 1974 Beekman St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

**Captain Rod Howard – Associate/Director, 1785 SW Circle St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

**Ret, RN/Paramedic/Firefighter -Patricia Moncur, Associate/Director – 334 NE Gulfstream Ave., Port Saint Lucie, FL 32808**

## **ARTICLE VI**

### **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE**

The street address and mailing address of the principal office and registered office of the Corporation is **2001 SW Beauregard St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

and the name of registered agent at such address is **Frank Carter, Jr.**

## **ARTICLE VII**

### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the Incorporator is: **Frank Carter, Jr., 2001 SW Beauregard St., Port Saint Lucie, FL 34953**

## **ARTICLE VIII**

### **BYLAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors.

## **ARTICLE IX**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

This Corporation may be empowered to indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director in the manner set out and provided for in the bylaws of this Corporation.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation/organization shall not carry on any other activities nor permitted to be carried on:

(1) by a corporation/organization exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(C)3 of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of the any future Federal tax code) or


(2) by a corporation/organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the I.R.S. Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

(b) Upon dissolution of this corporation/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.

**ARTICLE X**

**AMENDMENT**

This Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these articles of incorporation, or any amendment hereto.

 August 1, 2024  
Signature Incorporator /Date

F. Carter Jr.  
**Ret. Fire Captain, Frank Carter, Jr., President**

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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.

  
Signature/Registered Agent

F. Carter Jr. August 1, 2024  
Print Name Date

2024