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Department of State Division of Corporations 409 E Gaines Street Tallahassee, FL 32399

SUBJECT Avenue D Merchants Association, Inc. Proposed Corporate Name

Enclosed is an original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation, a Designation of Registered Agent, and a check for \$ 122.50. Please return one copy of the Articles stamped with the filing

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June 3, 1996

MARGARET A BENTON ESQURIE 800 VIRGINIA AVE STE 2 FT PIERCE, FL 34982

SUBJECT: AVENUE D MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. Ref. Number: W96000011590

We have received your document for AVENUE D MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The designation of the registered office and the registered agent, both at the same Florida street address, must be contained within the document pursuant to Florida Statutes. The registered agent must sign accepting the designation as required by Florida Statutes.

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 (904) 487-6904.

Freida Chesser Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 996A00027483

#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

### AVENUE D MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.

The undersigned, acting as incorporators of a corporation pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE 1 - NAME

The name of this Corporation shall be Avenue D Merchants Association, Inc.

# ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS

The initial address is: 800 Virginia Avenue Suite 2 Fort Pierce, FL 34982

### ARTICLE III - PURPOSES

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

- 1. For the purpose of a professional association and business league as defined by IRC Section 501(c)(6).
  - 2. Charitable and professional, commercial, industrial and trade association purposes.
  - 3. To enhance economic development and opportunity

### ARTICLE IV - MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows

The method of election of directors shall be stated in the bylaws. Initial incorporators have signed these Articles of Incorporation below

### ARTICLE V - LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617 0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited are as follows:

NONE

## ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the initial registered agent is Margaret A. Benton 800 Virginia Avenue, Suite 2 Fort Pierce, FL 34982

### ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATORS

The names and the street addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are

George Porter Curtis Clark 1721 Avenue D 2410 Avenue D Fort Pierce, FL 34950 Fort Pierce, FL

Wesley Parry Malinda Porter Hall 411 North US Highway 1 607 N 27th Street Fort Pierce, FL 34950 Fort Pierce, FL 34950

The undersigned incorporators have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 9thday of May 1996. Signatures of Incorporators: George Porter

Typed name of incorporator

Curtis Clark Typed name of incorporator Wesley Parry Typed name of incorporator Malinda Porter Hall Typed name of incorporator

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# CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 607.0501 OR 617.05001, FLORIDA 5 FATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA

I. The name of the corporation is

Avenue D Merchants Association, Inc.

The name and address of the registered agent and office are

Margaret A. Benton 800 Virginia Avenue, Suite 2 Fort Pierce, FL 34982

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 jamiliar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

MARGARET A BENTON

May 9, 1996

DATE