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SUBJECT: PINE GROVE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

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We have received your document for PINE GROVE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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OF

SECRETARY OF STATE PINE GROVE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INGALLAHA (A Corporation Not for Profit)

We, the undersigned persons, being desirous of forming a non-profit corporation organized solely for charitable and educational purposes under provisions of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do agree to the following:

### ARTICLE I

### NAME

The name of this corporation is: PINE GROVE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.

## ARTICLE II **PURPOSE**

The general nature of the objectives and purposes of this corporation shall be:

- To provide emergency fire and rescue services to the citizens of the local (1)community of Osceola County in the State of Florida.
- To monitor the collection and distribution of moneys for development, maintenance, and training of personnel ,equipment, and facilities necessary to its purpose.
- To accept grants, gifts and bequests to support its purpose. (3)
- To do such other things as may be desirable for the promotion of its purpose and (4)to improve public awareness of the services and training available.
- Generally, to operate exclusively for such charitable and educational purposes as will qualify this corporation as an exempt organization under Section 501 (c) (3) and 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code as amended or changed from time to time, including the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organization

under the Code.

To carry on any business whatever that the corporation may deem proper or (6)convenient and to have and to exercise all powers conferred by the laws pursuant to which this corporation is formed, as such laws are now in effect or may at any time hereafter be amended.

The foregoing statement of purpose shall be construed liberally.

### ARTICLE III

## **OUALIFICATION OF MEMBERS**

The membership of this corporation shall constitute all persons hereinafter named as subscribers and such other persons as from time to time hereafter may become members, in the manner provided by the By-Laws. All persons directly or indirectly providing volunteer emergency fire and rescue services to the citizens of the local community of Osceola County in the State of Florida will be encouraged to join and participate in this organization.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### TERM OF EXISTENCE

This corporation is to exist perpetually.

### ARTICLE V

### **OFFICERS**

Section 1. The officers of the corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Chief and such other officers as may be provided by the By-

Section 2. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the corporation are:

President

Matt Lowry

Vice President

Tom Harris, Jr.

Secretary

Melissa Vice

Treasurer

Mickey Agostini

Chief

Frank Gear

### ARTICLE VI

#### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

- Section 1. The business affairs of this corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors. This corporation shall have five (5) Directors initially. The number of Directors may be increased from time to time, by By-Law amendment, but shall never be less than five (5).
- Section 2. The Board of Directors shall be members of the corporation.
- Section 3. Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected and hold office in accordance with the By-Laws.
- Section 4. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors who are to serve as Directors for the ensuing year, or until the first annual meeting of the corporation, are listed in ATTACHMENT A.

Section 5. The Board of Directors of this corporation may provide such By-Laws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time, and upon proper notice the By-Laws may be amended, altered or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of those members of the Board of Directors present at any regular meeting or special meeting called for that purpose.

# ARTICLE VII NON PROFIT STATUS

Section 1. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any individual or member.

Section 2. The corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda, or otherwise act to influence legislation. Nor shall it intervene or participate in any manner in political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

# ARTICLE VIII POWERS

In order to promote the purposes of this corporation, it may acquire property by grant, gift, purchase, devise of bequest, and hold and dispose of such property as the corporation shall require for the benefit of the members and for pecuniary profit. The corporation shall also be empowered to employ or retain agents, employees or independent contractors to serve its lawful objectives.

# ARTICLE IX MEETINGS

The annual meeting for the election of members of the Board of Directors shall be in accordance with the By-Laws of Pine Grove Park Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

### ARTICLE X

# DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

No person, firm or corporation shall ever receive any income, dividends or profits from the undertakings of this corporation. Upon dissolution of this organization, all of its assets remaining after payment of all costs and expenses of such dissolution shall be distributed to organizations which have qualified for exemption under Section 501 (c) (3) and Section 509 (a) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the Federal Government, or to a State or local government, for a public purpose. None of the income or assets will be distributed

to any member, officer or trustee of this corporation. The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the uses and purposes as herein set forth.

# ARTICLE XI

### **AMENDMENTS**

Section 1. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting called for that purpose.

Section 2. Amendments may also be made, by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership, at a regular or special meeting of the membership upon notice given, as provided in the By-Laws, on intention to submit such amendment.

### ARTICLE XII

## INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The location of the principal office of this corporation shall be at 1420 Pine Grove Rd., St. Cloud, Fl., 34771; and the initial Registered Agent at that address is Matt Lowry.

## ARTICLE XIII INCORPORATION

The name and address of the individual signing these articles is Matt Lowry, 4884 Meadow Dr., St. Cloud, Fl., 34772.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned subscribing incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 4H day of Dec, 1997, for the purpose of forming this corporation not for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

Incorporator & Registered Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF OSCEOLA

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public duly authorized in the State And County named above to Take acknowledgments, personally appeared Matt Lowry as Incorproator and Registered Agent to me known to be the person described as subscriber in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation. WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State named above this

Proper Name Madison W. Lowry My commission expires: AKIA Matt Lowry

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The following is the attachment page for the Non-Profit Articles of Incorporation, PINE GROVE PARK VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC., for the addresses of the directors/officers.

Matt Lowry

4884 Meadow Dr.

(President)

St. Cloud, Fl. 34772

Tom Harris, Jr.

6735 Old Melbourne Hwy.

(Vice President)

St. Cloud, Fl. 34771

Melissa Vice

4530 Kaiser Ave.

(Secretary)

St. Cloud, Fl. 34772

Mickey Agostini

1840 Bonnie Dr.

(Treasurer)

St. Cloud, Fl. 34771

Frank Gear

6375 Carroll Circle

(Chief)

St. Cloud, Fl. 34771

### ATTACHMENT A

### To Whom It May Concern

I, Matt Lowry, am familiar with and hereby accept the duties and responsibilities of Registered Agent for Pine Grove Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. I am available at: 1420 Pine Grove Rd. St. Cloudby phone at (407) 892-7892 or Cellular phone (407) 761-3874.

Matt Lowry

Incorporator & Registered Agent

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