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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
GULF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC.  
a Not-for-Profit Corporation

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The undersigned acknowledges and files these Articles of Incorporation in the Office of the Secretary of State of Florida for the purpose of forming a Not-for-Profit corporation under, and in accordance with, the laws of the State of Florida, and in consideration of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and Internal Revenue Rulings 59-41 and 63-20, and the Revenue Rulings formulated thereunder.

ARTICLE I

NAME OF CORPORATION

The name of the Corporation shall be GULF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC. ("Corporation").

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS

The Corporation's initial street address is c/o Rose, Sundstrom & Bentley, LLP, 2548 Blainstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 and its mailing address shall be the same. Upon the appointment of its President, the principal office of the Corporation shall be relocated to Ft. Myers, Lee County, Florida.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE(S)

The Corporation is organized for the purpose of engaging in activities that are public in nature. Specifically, the

Corporation is organized for the purpose of acquiring, owning, operating, maintaining, and expanding the water and wastewater utility known as Gulf Utility Company. The Corporation is also organized for the purpose of constructing, acquiring, owning, operating, maintaining, expanding, or interconnecting with, such other water, wastewater, and reuse facilities as the Board of Directors deems necessary for, and in furtherance of, (1) preserving the water resources within Lee County, Florida, a local subdivision of the State of Florida ("County"); (2) reducing and controlling water pollution in the County; and (3) minimizing the cost of water and wastewater service to the residents of the County.

The purposes of the Corporation shall be conducted in a manner consistent with Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue code of 1986 as to contributions that are deductible, or any other corresponding provision of any future United States revenue law.

The Corporation is authorized to accept, hold, administer, invest, and disburse funds consistent with the purposes set forth above. All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used consistent with the purposes set forth above, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the Corporation's income shall inure to the benefit of any private individual; however, the Corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered to it, and may make payments and distributions in accordance with the Corporation's purposes set

forth above. A substantial part of the Corporation's activities, and activities of any organization to which the Corporation may contribute, may not be for carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to, influence legislation, or participate or intervene in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office, or any other activity that would disqualify the Corporation from tax exemption under Section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, or such other successor provision or law.

#### ARTICLE IV

##### REGISTERED AGENT

The initial registered agent of the Corporation shall be Daren L. Shippy, whose office is located at 2548 Blairstone Pines Drive, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

#### ARTICLE V

##### DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall consist of the number of directors as stated in the Bylaws; however, in no event, may the Board of Directors consist of less than three persons. The directors shall be appointed or confirmed by the Board of Commissioners of Lee County, Florida ("Board of Commissioners"). Any director may be removed without cause by the Board of Commissioners.

The Board of Directors may not approve an agreement for the sale of substantially all of the Corporation's assets, nor adopt a plan of merger, consolidation, or dissolution, except as contemplated by Article XI.

ARTICLE VI

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles is:

Daren L. Shippy  
2548 Blairstone Pines Drive  
Tallahassee, Florida 32301

ARTICLE VII

MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have no membership; however, the County shall have a beneficial interest in the Corporation as stated in Article XI.

ARTICLE VIII

DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE IX

BY-LAWS AND AMENDMENTS

The By-Laws of the Corporation shall be adopted, and may be amended by, the Board of Directors. These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by a majority vote of the Board of Directors at a meeting at which a quorum is present.

ARTICLE X


LIABILITY

Neither the incorporator, directors, nor officers shall be liable for any debts of the Corporation or any claims, torts, or responsibilities of any kind claimed against the Corporation.

ARTICLE XI

DISSOLUTION OF CORPORATION

During such time as any indebtedness issued by the Corporation remains outstanding, the County may purchase the Corporation's assets for an amount equal to the Corporation's then outstanding indebtedness, together with interest. Further, upon the retirement or assumption of all of the Corporation's indebtedness, the County shall acquire legal title to the Corporation's property for which such indebtedness was incurred. Upon the occurrence of these events, the Corporation shall be dissolved.

 (L.S.)  
Daren L. Shippy  
Incorporator

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE  
SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM  
PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

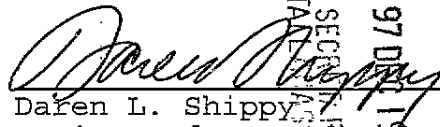
In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

GULF ENVIRONMENTAL SERVICES, INC., a not-for-profit corporation, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its intended principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation at the City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, has named Daren L. Shippy, who is located at 2548 Blainstone Pines Drive, City of Tallahassee, County of Leon, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENT:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office, and I am familiar with, and accept the obligations of, Section 617.0503, Florida Statutes.

By:

  
Daren L. Shippy  
Registered Agent

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