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Secretary of State
Division of Corporations
Non-Profit Section
P. O. Box 6327
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RE: Professional Inspection and Plans Services, Inc.
(Corporation Not for Profit)

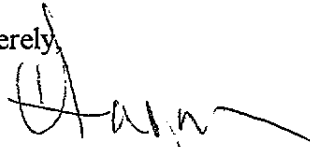
Gentlemen:

Please find the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced not-for-profit corporation, as well as our check in the amount of \$122.50 representing the following:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Certificate Designating Registered Agent	35.00
Certified Copy of Articles of Incorporation	52.50

After filing the original Articles of Incorporation, please certify the enclosed copy and return same to this office.

Sincerely,



Carrie Fagan, Legal Assistant
to Bruce Brashear, Esq.

Enclosures

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF

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PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION AND PLANS SERVICES, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

A FLORIDA NONPROFIT CORPORATION

ARTICLE ONE. NAME

The name of this corporation is Professional Inspection and Plans Services, Inc.

ARTICLE TWO. STATEMENT OF CORPORATE NATURE

This is a nonprofit corporation organized solely for general charitable purposes pursuant to the Florida Corporations Not for Profit law set forth in Part I of Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE THREE. GENERAL AND SPECIFIC PURPOSES

(a) The specific and primary purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate for public and charitable purposes. Such purposes include the lessening of burdens of government through the performance of certain services for the benefit of federal, state, or local governments in connection with the administration of building law and regulation. Within the context of the general purposes stated above, this corporation shall have the following specific purposes:

(i) To inspect buildings and other structures to determine their compliance with applicable Local, State and Federal building codes and requirements and to arrange for its members to provide such inspections.

(ii) To test, require tests to be performed, discuss, review, and evaluate for public health, safety, and general welfare, plans, and specifications for use in the building and construction industry pertaining to structural safety, and general welfare, plans, and specifications for use in the building and construction industry pertaining to structural safety, durability, fire safety, and health hazards.

(iii) To promote and enlarge educational scientific opportunities and facilities with relation to the use of materials, equipment, and techniques of construction; to provide ways and means of testing and evaluating all of such materials, products, or systems regarding public safety by the use of existing facilities or agencies or establishment of a laboratory or laboratories and the provisions of funds and facilities for research by the establishment of a foundation

or foundations to conduct the same by providing scientific exhibits and activities; all especially to help and assist governmental units whether town, city, county, state, or federal as well as other individuals or corporations involved in the production of building and construction materials, products, or systems by providing and arranging for the provisions of funds, transportation and facilities for the study, analysis and reporting of scientific tests, exhibits, and activities.

(iv) To provide efficient and equitable means for the solicitation, receipt or holding in trust or otherwise of bequests, monies and property either real or personal for such educational and philanthropic purposes for the benefit of the communities, governmental units and building officials and the management of said properties or the income thereof for said purposes.

(v) To promote the welfare of and the practical and social intercourse in furtherance of the foregoing purposes among its members and between building officials, manufacturers, suppliers, and all others interested in the furtherance of the objects of this corporation

(vi) To advise and assist in the interpretation, application, and administration of building, plumbing, gas, electric, fire, mechanical, housing, and similar codes, laws, and ordinances.

(vii) To perform such other functions that are deemed relevant or desirable for the attainment of these objectives, which are not inconsistent with these Bylaws, Articles of Incorporation, and federal or state laws.

(b) The general purposes for which this corporation is formed are to operate exclusively for such educational purposes as will qualify it as an exempt organization under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations which qualify as tax-exempt organizations under that Code.

(c) This corporation shall not, as a substantial part of its activities, carry on propaganda or otherwise attempt to influence legislation; nor shall it participate or intervene (by publication or distribution of any statements or otherwise) in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

ARTICLE FOUR. TERM

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence.

ARTICLE FIVE. MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the board of trustees. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, the property, voting, and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues and assessments and the method of collection thereof, shall be set forth in the bylaws.

ARTICLE SIX. SUBSCRIBERS

The names and residence addresses of the subscribers of this corporation are as follows:

Douglas R. Murdock
12320 N.W. 147th Lane
Alachua, Florida 32616

Medard Kopczynski
412 Pensacola Road
Venice, Florida 34285

Nick D. Andrea
3312 W. Paris Street
Tampa, Florida 33614

ARTICLE SEVEN. LOCATION OF PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND IDENTIFICATION OF REGISTERED AGENT

(a) The county in the State of Florida where the principal office for the transaction of the business of this corporation is to be located in the County of Alachua.

(b) The name and address of this corporation's registered agent is Douglas R. Murdock, 12320 N.W. 147th Lane, Alachua, Florida 32616.

ARTICLE EIGHT. MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATE AFFAIRS

(a) Board of Trustees. The powers of this corporation shall be exercised, its properties controlled, and its affairs conducted by a board of trustees. The number of trustees of the corporation shall be not less than three nor more than five; provided, however, that such number may be changed by a bylaw duly adopted by the members.

The trustees named herein as the first board of trustees shall hold office until the first meeting of members, to be held on January 5, 1998, at 1:00 PM, at 12320 N.W. 147th Lane, Alachua, Florida, at which time an election of trustees shall be held.

Trustees elected at the first annual meeting, and at all times thereafter, shall serve for a term of one year until the next annual meeting of members following the election of trustees and until the qualification of the successors in office. Annual meetings shall be held at 12320 N.W. 147th Lane, Alachua, Florida, at 1:00 PM on the 5th day of January each year at the principal office of the corporation, or at such other place or places as the board of trustees may designate from time to time by resolution.

Any action required or permitted to be taken by the board of trustees under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all members of the board shall individually or collectively consent in writing to such action. Such written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board, and any such action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the trustees. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law which relates to action so taken shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the board of trustees without a meeting and that the articles of incorporation and bylaws of this corporation authorize the trustees to so act. Such a statement shall be prima facie evidence of such authority.

The names and addresses of such first members of the board of trustees are as follows:

Douglas R. Murdock
12320 N.W. 147th Lane
Alachua, Florida 32616

Medard Kopczynski
412 Pensacola Road
Venice, Florida 34285

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(b) Corporate Officers. The board of trustees shall elect the following officers: president, treasurer and secretary, and such other officers as the bylaws of this corporation may authorize the trustees to elect from time to time. Initially, such officers shall be elected at the first annual meeting of the board of trustees. Until such election is held, the following persons shall serve as corporate officers:

Douglas R. Murdock
12320 N.W. 147th Lane
Alachua, Florida 32616

President, Secretary, Treasurer

Medard Kopczynski
412 Pensacola Road
Venice, Florida 34285

Nick D. Andrea
3312 W. Paris Street
Tampa, Florida 33614

ARTICLE NINE. BYLAWS

Subject to the limitations contained in the bylaws, and any limitations set forth in the Corporations Not for Profit law of Florida, concerning corporate action that must be authorized or approved by the members of the corporation, bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, rescinded, added to, or new bylaws may be adopted, either by a resolution of the board of trustees or by following the procedure set forth therefor in the bylaws.

ARTICLE TEN. DEDICATION OF ASSETS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to public, charitable and educational purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer, or member thereof, or to the benefit of any private individual.

ARTICLE ELEVEN. DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS

Upon the dissolution or winding up of this corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provision for payment, of all debts and liabilities of the corporation, shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation, or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for public and charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws.

ARTICLE TWELVE. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES

Amendments to these articles of incorporation may be purposed by a resolution adopted by the board of trustees and presented to a quorum of members for their vote.

Amendments may be adopted by the vote of a majority of a quorum of members of the corporation.

WE, THE UNDERSIGNED, being the incorporators of this corporation, and including all the persons herein named as the subscribers of this corporation, for the purpose of forming this nonprofit charitable corporation under the Laws of Florida have executed these articles of incorporation on January 10, 1998.


DOUGLAS R. MURDOCK



MEDARD KOPCZYNSKI


NICK D. ANDREA

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF ALACHUA

On this 10 day of January, 1998, personally appeared before me, DOUGLAS R. MURDOCK and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.


NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:



DANA D ALMERS
My Commission CC533616
Expires Feb. 19, 2000

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Orange

On this 16 day of January, 1998, personally appeared before me, MEDARD KOPCZYNSKI, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.

Dana D. Almers
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF Orange



DANA D ALMERS
My Commission CC533616
Expires Feb. 19, 2000

On this 16 day of January, 1998, personally appeared before me, NICK D. ANDREA, and acknowledged that he executed the foregoing instrument for the purposes expressed therein.

Witness my hand and seal the day and year last above written.



DANA D ALMERS
My Commission CC533616
Expires Feb. 19, 2000

Dana D. Almers
NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires:

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment as Registered Agent of PROFESSIONAL INSPECTION AND PLANS SERVICES, INC., which is contained in the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

DATED this 6th day of January, 1998.

Douglas R. Murdock
DOUGLAS R. MURDOCK
Registered Agent

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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