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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
"VISIONS PLUS" COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION  
OF  
GREATER ST. PAUL MISSIONARY BAPTIST CHURCH  
A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

The undersigned incorporate(s), for the purpose of forming a Not for Profit Corporation under the Non-Profit Corporation Law of the State of Florida, adopts the following articles of incorporation for such corporation:

**ARTICLE ONE  
NAME and PRINCIPAL PLACES OF BUSINESS**

The name of this corporation shall be "Visions Plus" Community Development Corporation of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church, and the address of the principal office is 213 Stone Street Cocoa, FL 32922, or at such other place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time determine. The corporation will adopt a seal.

**ARTICLE TWO  
DURATION**

The duration of the corporation shall be perpetual.

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## **ARTICLE THREE**

### **PURPOSE**

The purpose and general nature of this corporation is to foster revitalization and stimulate investment; provide social, health and recreation benefits and promote economic development and educational opportunities in blighted communities in the Central Brevard area, and to educate residents on the causes of urban decay, to facilitate communication between local government services and citizens in need and for any other lawful purposes. This corporation shall pursue both commercial and residential development. To achieve these goals, this Corporation shall:

1. Use proceeds of donations, grants, or other funding in the exercise of its powers and purposes.
2. Disseminate information concerning residential and commercial development and community improvement programs.
3. Encourage residents, owners of real property, representatives of local governments and members of private industry to work together for the purpose of strengthening the area, preserving, repairing and improving all properties and to promote economic development, stimulate educational opportunities, health, social and recreational development.
4. Encourage and advance the availability of improvement loans and other financing to develop educational residential health & recreational in accordance programs and services with the applicable laws.
5. Act to lessen and eliminate blight, economic depression and the deterioration of properties by expanding and improving the economic opportunities available to low-income persons.

6. Have the power to acquire land and interests therein, to develop such land or to make such land available by sale, lease or otherwise, for development in a manner consistent with the purposes of this corporation.
7. Encourage all levels of government, residents, property owners and private industry to work together to provide technical and financial assistance and incentives, to revitalize the area.
8. Improve the flow of information and communication between property owners, residents, state and local governments and financial institutions regarding efforts to lessen blight and prevent community deterioration.
9. Act in any other fashion and engage in other activities and functions as are proper and further the goals and purposes of the corporation as permitted by federal, state and local law.
10. Organize and operate the corporation exclusively for charitable purposes in accordance with the requirements of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law), and therefore it shall be subject to the following provisions:
  - a. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article Three hereof.

- b. No part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation 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.
- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation and which are not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) or (b) by a corporation contributions to which are deductible under Section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or corresponding provisions of any future United States Internal Revenue Law);
- d. In the event of dissolution of the corporation or the termination of its affairs or other liquidation of its assets, the Corporation's property shall be conveyed or distributed to other Florida not for profit corporations, as the Board of Directors of the Corporation may determine which are operated for non-profit purposes similar to those of the Corporation which at the time could qualify as an exempt organization or organization under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, (as determined by the Board of Directors). Any such assets not so disposed of shall be distributed of by the

appropriate Court of the jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which organizations to be designated for such purposed, that is disposing of assets.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

The membership of the corporation shall be open and restricted to members of the Greater St. Paul Baptist Church and all residents of Central Brevard, Florida who are 18 years of age or older. There shall be one class of membership and each member shall vote in person. The class of membership and the manner of admission shall be set forth by the by-laws of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE FIVE**

### **INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The address of the corporation's registered office is:

***"Visions Plus" Community Development Corporation of***

***Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church***

***213 Stone Street***

***Cocoa, Florida 32922***

and the name of the corporation's initial registered agent at such address is:

Rev. W. O. Wells, Sr.,

## **ARTICLE SIX**

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The number of directors constituting the initial Board of Directors is thirteen.

There shall be a minimum of (5) directors at all times. The names and addresses of the

persons who are to serve as the initial directors are:

1. Rev. W. O. Wells, Sr., 246 Orange St., Cocoa, FL 3922
2. Mrs. Barbara Moore 928 Levitt Parkway, Rockledge, FL 32955
3. Dr. Anne Wells 246 Orange St., Cocoa, FL 32922
4. Karen Selby 3025 Thrush Dr. #102 Melbourne, FL 32935
5. Yolando Weatherspoon 1700 University Lane #108, Cocoa, FL 32922
6. Reginald Stone 345 Pomolo St., Cocoa, FL 32922
7. Nathaniel Hooks 723 Carissa Ave., Cocoa, FL 32922
8. Clifford Harden 1095 Hermond Dr., Rockledge, FL 32955
9. Joyce Morgan 1310 Robinswood Dr., Rockledge, FL 32955
10. Vivian Jefferson 200 Bounty St., Merritt Island, FL 32952
11. Linda V. Graham 3711 Crossbow Dr., Cocoa, FL 32926
12. Amie Shaw 200 S. Banana River Blvd., Cocoa Beach, FL 32931
13. Annette White 1227 Winding Meadows Rd., Rockledge, FL 32955

The directors shall be elected in accordance with the terms and provisions of the by-laws adopted by the corporation.

## **ARTICLE SEVEN**

### **POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in Section 617.0302, Florida Statutes.

## **ARTICLE EIGHT**

### **OFFICERS**

The names of the initial officers are as follows:

President:	Rev. W. O. Wells, Sr.,
Vice-President:	Barbara Moore
Secretary:	Linda Graham
Asst. Secretary:	Janie Holman
Treasurer	Yolonda Weatherspoon

## **ARTICLE NINE**

### **INDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS, DIRECTORS,**

### **EMPLOYEES AND AGENTS;**

### **LIABILITY OF OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS**

a. Terms used in this Article shall have the meanings ascribed to them in Florida Statutes Section 617.0141, 617.0801, 617.0802, 617.0803, 617.0806, 617.0807, 617.0808 and 617.0809 or any amended or successor sections of the Florida Statutes.



**ARTICLE TEN**  
**INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator(s) is:

Rev. W. O. Wells, Sr.,

246 Orange St.,

Cocoa, FL 32922

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**ARTICLE ELEVEN**  
**AMENDMENT OF BY-LAWS**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-laws for the corporation shall be vested only in the members, as more specifically provided in the By-laws.

**ARTICLE TWELVE**  
**AMENDMENT OF ARTICLE OF INCORPORATION**

The power to alter, amend or repeal these Articles of Incorporation shall be vested only in the members, as more specifically provided in the By-Laws.

In witness whereof, I have executed these articles of incorporation on this 30th day of November 1998.



INCORPORATOR

Registered agent accepting duties

STATE OF FLORIDA )

COUNTY OF BREVARD )

**BEFORE ME**, a person duly authorized to administer the oath, did personally appear, who is personally known to me or who produced a valid Florida Driver's License as

identification and who did take an oath, and says that the above are the Articles of Incorporation of "Visions Plus" Community Development Corporation of Greater St. Paul Missionary Baptist Church is authorized to file as incorporate. Acknowledge before me on this 30th day of November 1998.

Janorise G. Stone  
Notary Public

Commission Number:

My Commission Expires:

