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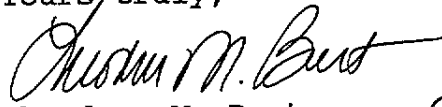
Re: Fanning Springs Volunteer Fire Department, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed please find the original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above named proposed Florida corporation, together with the Registered Agent Designation. Also enclosed is a check in the amount of \$122.50, representing payment of the following:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Certified Copy	52.50
Registered Agent Designation	<u>35.00</u>
	\$122.50

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Yours truly,


Theodore M. Burt

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Enclosures: Articles of Incorporation (original and 1 copy)
Check
Registered Agent Designation

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
FANNING SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.
A FLORIDA NON-PROFIT CORPORATION**

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

We, the undersigned incorporators, hereby associate ourselves together and make, subscribe, and acknowledge these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation, not for profit, in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation is **FANNING SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**, and its principal office is located at 114 Northeast First Street, Trenton, Gilchrist County, Florida 32693. The Board of Directors may from time to time designate such other post office address and place for the principal office of this corporation as it may see fit.

ARTICLE II.

The general nature objects and purposes proposed to be transacted by this corporation shall be: the prevention and extinguishment of fire and the protection of life and property in case of fire or other emergency. The corporation shall have all powers and authority allowed under Chapters 607 and 617, Florida Statutes.

ARTICLE III.

The members of this corporation shall be composed of two (2) classes: **ACTIVE** and **ASSOCIATE**. Any citizen of Gilchrist and Levy

County, Florida, who is in sound mind and body, and who has attained the age of eighteen (18) years, and who is in good repute in his/her community, shall be eligible for election to ACTIVE membership in this corporation. Any citizen of Gilchrist and Levy County, Florida, of good moral character, shall be eligible for ASSOCIATE membership in this corporation.

Application for ACTIVE membership must be made in writing and each must be approved by the fire chief. The membership may expel any member who has not carried out his/her obligations to the corporation or who neglects or refuses to comply with the provisions of these Articles, or upon recommendation of the Board of Directors, but no member shall be expelled until he/she has been informed in writing of the charges against him/her and has been given an opportunity to be heard.

ARTICLE IV.

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

ARTICLE V.

The affairs of this corporation shall be managed by a President/Chief, Vice-President/Assistant Chief, Secretary, and Treasurer. The annual meeting of the membership of this corporation shall be held at or in the vicinity of Fanning Springs, Gilchrist County, on the third Thursday of each January. The members shall elect board members in accordance with the By-Laws of the corporation. In case any office of this corporation becomes vacant, the Board shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

ARTICLE VI.

The names and street addresses of the first Board of Directors who, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of this corporation, and the laws of Florida shall hold office or until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Name	Address
Ron McQueen	9207 Florida Street Old Town, Florida 32680
Bob Hite	7640 N. U.S. 19 Old Town, Florida 32680
Jeannette Knowles	3340 NW CR 341 Bell, Florida 32619

ARTICLE VII.

The names and street addresses of the first Officers who, subject to the provisions of the Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws of this corporation, and the laws of the Florida, shall hold office for the first year of the corporation's existence, or until their successors are elected and have qualified, are as follows:

Name	Office	Address
Ron McQueen	President	9207 Florida Street Old Town, Fl 32680
Bob Hite	Vice-President Assistant Chief	7640 N. U.S. 19 Old Town, Fl 32680
Jeannette Knowles	Secretary/Treasurer	3340 NW CR 341 Bell, Fl 32619

ARTICLE VIII.

The By-Laws of the corporation are to be made by the Directors and may be altered, amended, or rescinded by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of the membership present and voting at any meeting. Three (3) members shall constitute a quorum at any meeting.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed to them by the ACTIVE members, and approved at a members meeting by majority of the membership then entitled to vote thereon, unless the Directors and members sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.


ARTICLE X.

These Articles of Incorporation and By-Laws shall provide that no member shall be entitled to receive any distribution of the income of the Corporation or to participate in any profits, and further that upon dissolution, all of the Corporation's property (after payment of all debts) shall be distributed to such other charitable organization as the Directors shall determine. In the event of dissolution, the residual assets of the organization will be turned over to one or more organizations which are non-profit organizations or corporations, or to the federal, state or local government for exclusive public purpose.

ARTICLE XI


The name and street address of the incorporator of this corporation, who shall sign and file these Articles of Incorporation, is:

THEODORE M. BURT, P.A.
Post Office Box 308
114 Northeast First Street
Trenton, Florida 32693


THEODORE M. BURT, as Incorporator
and Registered Resident Agent

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF GILCHRIST

BEFORE ME, a Notary Public, personally appeared THEODORE M. BURT, to me known to be the person described as Incorporator and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and acknowledged before me that he subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation on April 14, 1999.


SUSAN HARDYMAN
NOTARY PUBLIC
State of Florida at Large

(SEAL)



"OFFICIAL SEAL"
Susan Hardyman
My Commission Expires 9/18/99
Commission #CC 485741

My Commission Expires:

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**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 to Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said act:

First that **FANNING SPRINGS VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT, INC.**, desiring to be organized under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, County of Gilchrist, State of Florida has named **THEODORE M. BURT** located at 114 Northeast First Street, Trenton, Florida 32693, County of Gilchrist, 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, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

Dated this 14th day of April, 1999.

By: 
THEODORE M. BURT
Registered Agent

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