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**SUBJECT:** ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR JAY MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

☐ \$70.00  
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☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

FROM: DONNA D BUSH  
Name (Printed or typed)  
  
4831 WALKING HORSE LANE  
Address  
  
JAY FL 32565  
City, State & Zip  
  
850-675-3319  
Daytime Telephone number

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**NOTE:** Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
JAY AREA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION**

A Not-For-Profit Corporation

**Article I.**

**Corporate Name**

The name of this not-for-profit corporation is **JAY AREA MERCHANTS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**Article II.**

**Nature of Business and Powers**

The purpose of this Corporation shall be to promote the industrial and economic growth and obtaining grants for development of all Jay area; to promote a continuing, progressive development climate among the citizens of the area; to assist, counsel, and work toward the expansion of existing businesses; to promote, develop and concentrate the area's efforts toward the attraction of new business; to diligently support existing businesses and industries in an effort to promote their growth and expansion; to promote the industrial and economic advantages of Jay area at all times; and to work together on issues that effect the integrity, aesthetic beauty and quality of life status of the area.

**Article III.**

**Capital Stock**

This corporation is a corporation not-for-profit and shall therefore not issue stock.

**Article IV.**

**Term of Existence**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing upon the filing of these Article of Incorporation.

**Article V.**

**Registered Agent and Initial Registered and Principal Office**

The Registered Agent and the street and mailing addresses of the initial Registered and Principal Office of the Corporation in the State of Florida shall be:

Registered Agent: **Donna Bush**

Street Address: 4831 Walking Horse Lane  
Jay FL 32565

Mailing Address: 4831 Walking Horse Lane  
Jay FL 32565

**Article VI.**

**Board of Directors**

This Corporation shall have 10 directors initially. The number of directors may be increased or diminished from time to time by By-Laws adopted by the directors, but shall always be within the range established by Article VIII.

**Article VII.**

**Initial Directors**

The name of the initial directors of this Corporation and their street addresses are:

Bill Patrick President	3894 Hwy 4 Jay Florida 32565
Jimmy Brown Vice-President	3930 Hwy 4 Jay Florida 32565
Donna D Bush Secretary	4831 Walking Horse Lane Jay Florida 32565
Jacqlyn B Stewart Treasurer	3793 Hwy 4 Jay Florida 32565
Marolyn Middleton Director	2779 Nelsontown Road Jay Florida 32565
Whitney Bush Director	4831 Walking Horse Lane Jay Florida 32565
Cecil Phillips Director	5200 Oil Well Road Jay Florida 32565
Dr Jim Lassiter Director	108 Commerce Street Jay Florida 32565
Becky Calloway Director	14633 Hwy 89 Jay Florida 32565
Mildred Powell Director	3081 Smith Lane Jay Florida 32565

persons named as initial directors shall hold office for the first year of existence of this Corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, whichever occurs first.

#### **Article VIII.**

##### **Management of Corporate Affairs**

The affairs of this Corporation shall be managed by a President, a Vice-President, a Secretary, a Treasurer, and a Board of Directors of not less than six (6), nor more than fifteen (15) members, and by such other officers and agents as may be elected or appointed from time to time. The annual meeting of the members, of this corporation shall be held wherever so deemed by the Board of Directors, on specific dates chosen by the Board of Directors. The members shall elect a Board of Directors at each annual meeting to hold office for the ensuing year, and the Board of directors, as elected shall hold a meeting as soon thereafter as possible. The Board of Directors shall have the power to appoint an executive committee which shall have all the powers usual to such committee. All officers shall continue in office until their successors have been elected and have assumed office, in case any office of the Corporation becomes vacant, the Board of Directors shall fill such vacancy for the remainder of the unexpired term.

#### **Article IX.**

##### **Incorporator**

The name and street address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation as the Incorporator is:

Donna D Bush  
4831 Walking Horse Lane  
Jay FL 32565

#### **Article X.**

##### **Earnings and Activities of Corporation**

- A. No part of the net earning 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 V hereof.

- B. No substantial 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 any candidate for public office.
- C. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Article, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a Corporation exempt from Federal income tax Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (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 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).
- D. Notwithstanding any other provisions of these Articles, this Corporation shall not, except to any insubstantial degree. Engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this Corporation.

**Article XI.**

**Amendment**

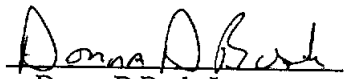
These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

**Article XII.**

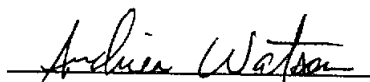

**By-Laws**

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal by-laws of the Corporation shall be set out in said by-laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, as Incorporator and Registered Agent of this Corporation for the purposes of, has executed these Article of Incorporation this 1st day of September, 1999.

  
Donna D. Bush, Incorporator

WITNESSED BY:

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF SANTA ROSA

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared DONNA BUSH, known to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged to and before me that he executed such instrument, and he produced identification of \_\_\_\_\_, or he is personally known to me.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 9th day of September, 1999.



George H. Stewart  
Commission # CC 749071  
Expires July 16, 2002  
BONDED THRU  
ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

George H. Stewart  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Commission Expires \_\_\_\_\_  
My Commission No. \_\_\_\_\_

**ACCEPTANCE AND ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in this certificate, I, DONNA D BUSH, hereby accept this designation and agree to comply with the provisions of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

DATED this 9th day of September, 1999.

Donna D Bush  
DONNA D BUSH  
Registered Agent