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SUBJECT: Spiritual Assembly of The Bahá'í of Wilton Manors, INC.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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

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☒ \$78.75  
Filing Fee  
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: THEODORE Aupperle  
Name (Printed or typed)

1456 NE 24<sup>th</sup> Court Rear  
Address

WILTON MANORS, FL 33305  
City, State & Zip

954-565-0111  
Daytime Telephone number

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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

A. Howell OCT 21 1999



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

October 8, 1999

THEODORE AUPPERLE  
1456 N.E. 24TH COURT REAR  
WILTON MANORS, FL 33305

SUBJECT: SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF WILTON MANORS,  
INC.

Ref. Number: W99000023304

We have received your document for SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHAI'S OF WILTON MANORS, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The articles of incorporation of a nonprofit corporation must be prepared in compliance with section 617.0202, Florida Statutes. Please refer to that section of the law for assistance.

You must list the corporation's principal office and/or a mailing address in the document.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6925.

Angela Howell  
Document Specialist

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FOR THE

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

SPIRITUAL ASSEMBLY OF THE BAHÁ'IS OF WILTON MANORS,  
INC.

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That under and by virtue of the provisions of Chapter 617 of the laws of the State of Florida and acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto, relating to corporations not for profit, we, Jacqueline Tobias, Paige Dawes, Theodore Aupperle, Jeff Kraus, Kathy Kraus, Bruce Melius, Heidi Melius, David Melegari, and Willa Casstevens, whose names are hereunto subscribed, do hereby incorporate ourselves and all other persons who may hereafter become our associates and successors in the corporation hereby created, as a body corporate, assuming all the powers, rights and privileges granted bodies corporate and all duties and obligations imposed by said Chapter 617 on corporations not for profit, and do adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

#### ARTICLE 1

The name of this corporation shall be the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Wilton Manors, Inc., 665 N.W. 21<sup>st</sup> St, Wilton Manors, Florida 33311-3731654

#### ARTICLE II

Sharing the ideals and assisting the efforts of our fellow Baha'is to establish, uphold and promote the spiritual, educational and humanitarian teachings of human brotherhood, radiant faith, exalted character and selfless love revealed in the lives and utterances of all the Prophets and Messengers of God, Founders of the world's revealed religions--and given renewed creative energy and universal application to the conditions of this age in the life and utterances of Baha'u'llah--we declare the purposes and objects of this Corporation to be to administer the affairs of the Cause of Baha'u'llah for the benefit of the Baha'is of Wilton Manors, Florida, according to the principles of Baha'i affiliation and administration created and established by Baha'u'llah, defined and explained by Abdu'l-Baha, amplified and applied by Shoghi Effendi as Guardian of the Cause of Baha'u'llah, and the

Universal House of Justice, its supreme administrative authority, under the provisions of the Will and Testament of Abdu'l-Baha, and the National Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of the United States, the duly constituted administrative authority in and for the United States of America.

These purposes are to be realized by means of devotional meetings; by public meetings and conferences of an educational, humanitarian and spiritual character; by the construction of temples of universal worship and of other institutions and edifices of humanitarian service; by supervising, unifying, promoting and generally administering the activities of the Baha'is of Wilton Manors, Florida, in the fulfillment of their religious offices, duties and ideals; and by any other means appropriate to these ends, or any one of them.

Other purposes and objects of this corporation are:

To receive and maintain a fund or funds of real or personal property, or both, and subject to the restrictions and limitations herein set forth, to use and apply the whole or any part of the income therefrom and the principal thereof exclusively for religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, either directly or by contributions to organizations duly authorized to carry on charitable, scientific, literary or educational activities, provided that no part of the assets of the Corporation shall be contributed to any organizations, corporation or individual for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence the election of any candidate for political office, or for the purpose of influencing or attempting to influence legislation.

No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, trustee or officer of the Corporation except that reasonable compensation may be paid to any individual, corporation, firm or organization for services rendered to the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes. No member, trustee, or officer of the Corporation, nor any private individual shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the Corporation. No part of the activities of the Corporation shall be devoted to influencing legislation, or participating in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public Office.

As a means of accomplishing the foregoing purposes, the Corporation shall have the following powers:

1. To accept, acquire, receive, take, and hold by bequest, devise, grant, gift, purchase, lease, exchange, transfer, judicial order or decree, or otherwise, for any of its objects and purposes, any property, both real and personal, of whatever kind, nature or description and wherever situated.
2. To sell, exchange, convey, mortgage, lease, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, any such property, both real and personal, as the objects and purposes of the Corporation may require, subject to such limitations as may be prescribed by law.
3. To borrow money, and, from time to time, to make, accept, endorse, execute, and issue bonds, debentures, promissory notes, bills of exchange, and other obligations of the Corporation for money borrowed or in payment for property acquired or for any of the other purposes of the Corporation, and to secure the payment of any such obligations by mortgage, pledge, deed, indenture, agreement or other instrument of trust, or by other lien upon, assignment of, or agreement in regard to all or any part of the property, rights or privileges of the Corporation wherever situated, and whether now owned or hereafter acquired.
4. To invest and reinvest its funds in such stock, common or preferred, bonds, debentures, mortgages or in such other securities and property as its Board of Trustees shall deem advisable, subject to limitations and conditions contained in any bequest, devise, grant or gift.
5. In general to exercise such other powers which are now or hereafter may be conferred by law upon a corporation organized for the purposes herein above set forth, or necessary or incidental to the powers so conferred, or conducive to the attainment of the purposes of the Corporation, subject to such limitations as are or may be prescribed by law.
6. The Board of Trustees may adopt a corporate seal, alterable at it pleasure.

### Article III

The first annual meeting of the Corporation shall be after sunset on April 30, 2000, and thereafter the annual meeting of the Corporation shall be held at an hour specified by the Board of Trustees (hereafter known as the Spiritual Assembly) or as fixed in the By-Laws, between sunset on April 20<sup>th</sup> and sunset of April 21<sup>st</sup> of each year, meetings to be held at the principal place of business in Wilton Manors, Broward County, Florida. Notice of the

Annual or special meeting of the Corporation shall be given each voting member of the Wilton Manors Baha'i Community by ordinary mail, directed to the last address entered on the Corporation records, at least fifteen days prior to the date of the proposed meeting. Written notices of special meetings shall state the object of such meeting. Written notices of special meetings shall state the object of such meeting, but any other business affecting the affairs of the Corporation may be transacted at such meetings.

#### ARTICLE IV

Subject to these Articles, the affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a board of nine trustees (known as the Spiritual Assembly) who shall be chosen by the voting members of the Corporation from among their own number at the annual meeting in the manner specified in the By-Laws. Said Spiritual Assembly, when elected and qualified, shall continue in office for a period of one year or until their successors shall be elected and qualified. A necessary qualification for a trustee shall be that he be a member of the Baha'i community of Wilton Manors, Florida.

Until the first annual meeting of the Corporation, or until their successors are elected and qualified, the following persons, who are all of full legal age and residents of Wilton Manors, Broward County, Florida, and citizens of the State of Florida, Shall constitute the Spiritual Assembly:

Bruce Melius, chairman, 665 N.W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Wilton Manors, Florida

Jeff Kraus, vice-chairman, 224 N.W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Wilton Manors, Florida

Heidi Melius, secretary, 665 N.W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Wilton Manors, Florida

Theodore Aupperle, treasurer, 1456 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Court, Wilton Manors, Florida

Jacqueline Tobias, 427 N.E. 27<sup>th</sup> Street, Wilton Manors, Florida

Paige Dawes, 578 N.E. 20<sup>th</sup> Street Apt 14, Wilton Manors, Florida

Willa Casstevens, 2609 N.E. 9<sup>th</sup> Terrace, Wilton Manors, Florida

David Melegari, 2217 N.W. 5<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Wilton Manors, Florida

Kathy Kraus, 224 N.W. 21<sup>st</sup> Street, Wilton Manors, Florida

#### ARTICLE V

As soon as possible after the annual meeting, the Corporation Shall select from their own number a Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary and Treasurer, and such other officers as may be necessary for the proper conduct of the affairs of the Corporation. Vacancies in any of said offices

may be filled by majority vote of the Spiritual Assembly at any regular or special meeting. Five trustees shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at any regular or special meeting of the Spiritual Assembly. Special meetings of the Spiritual Assembly may be called by the Chairman, or, in his absence or incapacity, by the Vice Chairman, on his own motion or by any three members of the Spiritual Assembly. The Spiritual Assembly shall adopt such By-Laws and make such rules and regulations consistent with these Articles of Incorporation: which it deems expedient for the management of the affairs of the Corporation, any may amend, alter and repeal such By-Laws, rules and regulations at any regular or special meeting.

#### ARTICLES VI

Persons residing within Wilton Manors, Broward County, Florida, as it is now or hereafter may be legally constituted, who are at least twenty one years of age, and who are recognized by the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Wilton Manors, Florida as having fulfilled the requirements for becoming a member of the Wilton Manors Baha'i Community, may become a voting member of the Wilton Manors Baha'i Community, and may become a voting member of the Corporation.

#### ARTICLE VII

The period of existence and the duration of the life of the Corporation shall be perpetual, unless sooner dissolved by the votes of three-fourths of the voting members, or by the operation of law.

#### ARTICLE VIII

Upon dissolution of the corporation, all property, whether real, personal or mixed, of which this Corporation shall be the owner or entitled to, and all such property rights, shall be given to such religious, charitable or educational purposes as may be designated at that time by the Spiritual Assembly. In the event that the Spiritual Assembly does not so designate, said property all rights thereto shall be transferred to the National Spiritual of the Baha'is of the United States, whose principal place of business is in Wilmette, Illinois. This article shall not be amended.

## ARTICLE IX

The private property of the members of this Corporation shall be exempt from the debts of the Corporation and from all liabilities of the Corporation of any and every kind whatsoever, except as provided in the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE X

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended by votes of a majority of the voting members present and voting at any annual meeting of the Corporation or special meeting called for that purpose by the Spiritual Assembly. Notice of any meeting at which it is proposed to amend the Articles of Incorporation shall be given each voting member in writing by mailing said notice to the last known address of such member at least 15 days prior to the date of said meeting.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Wilton Manor, heretofore existing as an unincorporated association, has caused these Articles of Incorporation to be duly signed by its members this

4 day of October, 1999.

Bruce Melius

Kathleen Kraus

David B. Wilson

Jameson

Willa Cantaveng

Agnesline Tobias

Theodore John Cuypers



State of Florida )

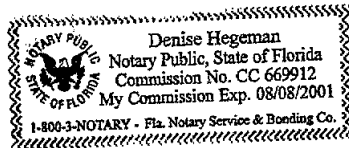
County of Broward ) SS

On this 4th day of October, 1999 before me,  
DENISE HEGEMAN, a Notary Public in and for Broward  
 County, Florida, personally appeared Bruce Melius, Jeff Kraus, Heidi  
 Melius, Theodore Aupperle, Paige Dawes, Willa Casstevens, Jacqueline  
 Tobias, David Melegari, Kathy Kraus, to be known to be the identical  
 persons named in and who subscribed to the above and foregoing Articles of  
 Incorporation for the Spiritual Assembly of the Baha'is of Wilton Manors,  
 Inc. and each for himself acknowledged the same to be his voluntary act and  
 deed for the purposes and uses set forth and expressed therein.

In witness whereof I have signed my name and affixed my Notarial Seal  
 the day and date first above written.

Denise Hegeman

Seal



My commission Expires:

## ARTICLE XI

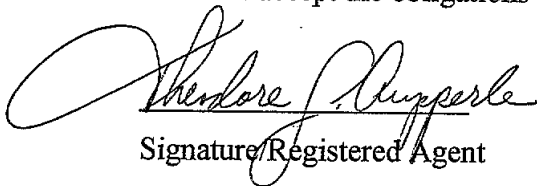
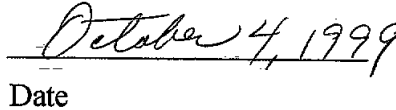
## REGISTERED AGENT:

Theodore J. Aupperle

1456 N.E. 24<sup>th</sup> Court Rear

Wilton Manors, Florida 33334

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

  
Signature/Registered Agent  
Date