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P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

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Dear Sir:

I have enclosed an Articles of Incorporation to establish a new domestic corporation in the State of Florida in the following name:

EMPIRE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.

I have also enclosed a check for \$78.75 for the applicable filing fee and the certificate of status. I am requesting that you process these Articles of Incorporation as soon as possible and return the corporation charter number to me at the above address. I have also enclosed a second copy of the Articles for you to stamp and return to me.

I would appreciate your processing this new corporation as soon as possible.

Sincerely yours,

*Carl T. Watkins*  
Carl T. Watkins, CPA

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State

March 27, 2000

CART T. WATKINS, CPA  
7345 JACKSON SPRINGS RD., STE. 3  
TAMPA, FL 33634

SUBJECT: EMPIRE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, INC.  
Ref. Number: W00000008051

We have received your document for EMPIRE INVESTMENT PROPERTIES, 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 name designated in your document is unavailable since it is the same as, or it is not distinguishable from the name of an existing entity.

Please select a new name and make the correction in all appropriate places. One or more major words may be added to make the name distinguishable from the one presently on file.

**Adding "of Florida" or "Florida" to the end of a name is not acceptable.**

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) 487-6929.

Shannon Thompson  
Document Specialist

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**EMPIRE PROPERTIES OF TAMPA, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator, for the purposes of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation.

**ARTICLE I: NAME**

The name of the Corporation shall be: EMPIRE PROPERTIES OF TAMPA, INC.

**ARTICLE II: PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office of the Corporation shall be located at 7806 113<sup>TH</sup> Avenue, Temple Terrace, Fl. 33617 but the Corporation shall have power to establish branch offices and other places of business at such other places within or without the State of Florida, as may be determined and deemed expedient by the Directors.

**ARTICLE III: CAPITAL STOCK**

The capital stock of the Corporation shall be divided into shares of \$1.00 par value, with 7500 shares of common stock authorized, and each share shall entitle the holder thereof to vote at any meeting of the stockholders. All or any part of said capital stock may be paid for in cash, with property or in labor or services, at a valuation fixed by the incorporators or by the Board of Directors, at a meeting called for such purpose.

**ARTICLE IV: INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND ADDRESS**

The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

Carl T. Watkins, CPA  
7345 Jackson Springs Rd.  
Tampa, Fl. 33634

**ARTICLE V: INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The name and address of each member of the Board of Directors of the Corporation are:

James T. Schmit	Stephen Gerhart
7806 113 <sup>th</sup> Ave	2018 Gregory Drive
Temple Terrace, 33617	Tampa, Fl. 33613

**ARTICLE VI: INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is:

Carl T. Watkins, CPA  
7345 Jackson Springs Rd.  
Tampa, Fl. 33634

The undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of March 2000.

Carl T. Watkins

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE  
STATE, NAMING AGENT UPON WHO PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the mentioned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designation of its registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

1. The name of the corporation is: EMPIRE PROPERTIES OF TAMPA, INC.
2. The name and street address of the registered agent and office is:

Carl T. Watkins, CPA

7345 Jackson Springs Rd.

Tampa, Fl. 33634

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**HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, 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 THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE OBLIGATIONS OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.**

Carl T. Watkins

Carl T. Watkins

March 29, 2000

Date