



**STERLING FINANCIAL CORPORATION**  
REAL ESTATE FINANCE, INVESTMENT & MANAGEMENT

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Via Airborne Express

Florida Department of State  
409 East Gaines Street  
P.O. Box 1500  
Tallahassee, FL 32399

Re: Sterling Hospitality, Inc.

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Dear Madam or Sir :

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation of Sterling Hospitality, Inc. for filing with your office. Also enclosed is a check made payable to the Florida department of State in the amount of \$78.75 for the necessary filing fees as follows:

Filing Fee -	\$ 70.00
Certified Copy -	<u>8.75</u>
	\$ 78.75

Upon your filing of same, please furnish the certified copy to our office in the self-addressed, Federal Express envelope which is enclosed for this purpose.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter and should you have any questions, please contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed above.

Sincerely,

Christine M. Hooker  
Legal Coordinator

Enclosures

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
8-1-00

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00 JUL 28 PM 12:25  
SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE FLORIDA

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
STERLING HOSPITALITY, INC.

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ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of this corporation is STERLING HOSPITALITY, INC. (the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation is located at the following address:

209 Phipps Plaza  
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

ARTICLE III – PURPOSE

The Corporation may engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

ARTICLE IV – DURATION

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence commencing on August 1, 2000.

ARTICLE V – CAPITAL STOCK

The Corporation is authorized to issue one thousand shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock, which shall be designated "Common Shares."

ARTICLE VI – BYLAWS

The Bylaws of the Corporation may be adopted, altered, amended or repealed by either the stockholders or the directors of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII – INDEMNIFICATION

The Corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by law.

ARTICLE VIII – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND OFFICE

The name and street address of the initial registered agent and office of the Corporation are:

Brian D. Kosoy  
209 Phipps Plaza  
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

ARTICLE IX – INCORPORATOR

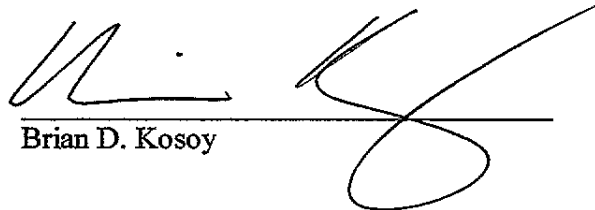
The name and address of the entity signing these Articles are:

Brian D. Kosoy  
209 Phipps Plaza  
Palm Beach, Florida 33480

ARTICLE X – AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in accordance with the provisions of the Florida General Corporation Act.

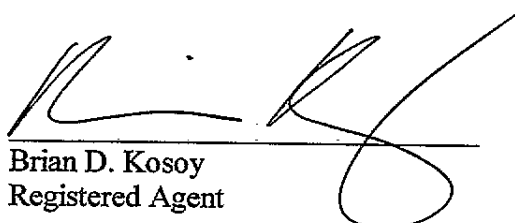
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

  
Brian D. Kosoy

**ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

THE UNDERSIGNED, named as the Registered Agent in Article VIII of these Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as such Registered Agent, and acknowledges that he is familiar with, and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Business Corporation Act, including specifically Section 607.0505.

Dated this 13<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2000.

  
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Brian D. Kosoy  
Registered Agent

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