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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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Re: DIRECT SURETY CORPORATION

Greetings:

Enclosed please find the original and one copy of the Articles of Incorporation for the above-named corporation along with my check to cover the following expenses:

Filing Fee	\$35.00
Certificate of Status	8.75
Registered Agent Fee	<u>35.00</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$78.75</b>

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Upon filing, please call this office with date of filing and corporation number. Also, please return the enclosed copy of the articles with your stamp on it showing the filing date.

Cordially yours,

THE LEGAL CENTER

*Dolores S. Maralik/ps*

Dolores S. Maralik  
Attorney

**EFFECTIVE DATE**  
01-01-01

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**\*Please note that the effective date for this corporation is January 1, 2001.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
DIRECT SURETY CORPORATION  
(A Corporation for Profit)**

These Articles of Incorporation are signed and delivered by the undersigned for the purpose of forming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I. NAME**

The name of this corporation is: DIRECT SURETY CORPORATION

**ARTICLE II. EXISTENCE**

This corporation shall exist perpetually. This corporation shall become effective January 1, 2001.

**ARTICLE III. GENERAL PURPOSES**

The general purposes for which this corporation is organized is the transaction of any and all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated pursuant to Chapter 607, Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK**

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is 1,000 shares of common stock having a nominal or par value of \$1.00 per share.

**ARTICLE V. PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal office, if known, or the mailing address of the corporation is:  
P.O. Box 531541  
St. Petersburg, FL 33747

**EFFECTIVE DATE**

01-01-01

**ARTICLE VI. REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The name and street address of the initial Registered Agent and office of this corporation is:

Thomas J. Farrell  
5940 Pelican Bay Plaza, Apt. PHD  
Gulfport, FL 33707

**ARTICLE VII. INCORPORATOR**

The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is/are:

Thomas J. Farrell  
5940 Pelican Bay Plaza, Apt. PHD  
Gulfport, FL 33707

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ARTICLE VIII. MANAGEMENT BY SHAREHOLDERS

The corporation shall not have more than 35 shareholders nor shall it have directors. The business affairs of the corporation and all the corporate powers shall be managed and exercised under the direction and authority of the shareholders.

ARTICLE IX. BY LAWS

The By-Laws, agreements, resolutions, and consents of this corporation as adopted by the shareholders shall govern all matters pertaining to the corporation not otherwise set forth in these Articles of Incorporation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, this 1st day of December, 1999 2000.

THOMAS J. FARRELL  
Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF PINELLAS

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 1st day of December, 1999 2000, by Thomas J. Farrell, who is/are personally known to me or who has/have produced a driver's license as identification.



**DOLORES S. MARALIK**  
Notary Public, State of Florida  
My Comm. Expires Nov. 28, 2003  
No. CC875272

Dolores S. Maralik  
Notary Public

My Commission Expires:

ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent for DIRECT SURETY CORPORATION

at the place designed in the foregoing Articles, namely 5940 Pelican Bay Plaza, Apt. PHD,  
Gulfport, FL 33707

I HEREBY AGREE to act in this capacity, and to comply with all Florida Statutes relative to the performance of my duties.

Dated this 1st day of December, 1999 2000.

THOMAS J. FARRELL  
Registered Agent

THOMAS J. FARRELL