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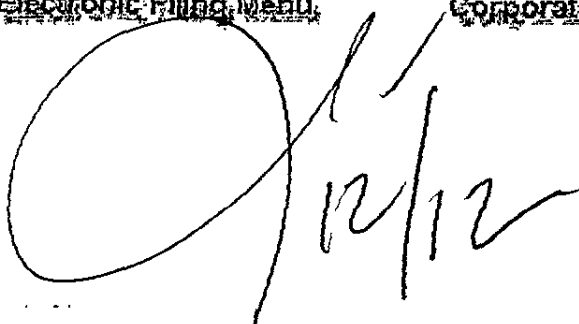
**THE HOMETOWN GROUP, INC.**

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
THE HOMETOWN GROUP, INC.**

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The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a Corporation for profit under the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

*The name of the Corporation is THE HOMETOWN GROUP, INC., (hereinafter, "Corporation").*

**ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

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

**ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The street address of the principal office of this Corporation shall be:  
25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

**ARTICLE 4 - INCORPORATOR**

The name and street address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Bradley J. Garrod, Jr.  
25149 Derringer Rd.  
Punta Gorda, FL 33983

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## **ARTICLE 5 – OFFICERS**

The officers of the Corporation shall be:

President: Claudio R. Bifaretti, 25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
Vice-President: Bradley J. Garrod, Jr., 25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
Secretary: Bradley J. Garrod, Jr., 25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983  
Treasurer: Claudio R. Bifaretti, 25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983

## **ARTICLE 6 – DIRECTORS**

The Director(s) of the Corporation shall be:

Bradley J. Garrod, Jr.  
Claudio R. Bifaretti

## **ARTICLE 7 – CORPORATE CAPITALIZATION**

7.1 The maximum number of shares that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is **TEN THOUSAND** shares of common stock, each share having the par value of **ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)**.

7.2 No holder of shares of stock of any class shall have any preemptive right to subscribe to or purchase any additional shares of any class, or bonds or convertible securities of any nature; provided, however, that the Board of Director(s) may, in authorizing the issuance of shares of stock of any class, confer any preemptive right that the Board of Director(s) may deem advisable in connection with such issuance.

7.3 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may authorize the issuance from time to time of shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or securities convertible into shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, for such consideration as the Board of Director(s) may deem advisable, subject to such restrictions or limitations, if any, as may be set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

7.4 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may, by Restated Articles of Incorporation, classify or reclassify any unissued stock from time to time by setting or changing the preferences, conversions or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends, qualifications, or term or conditions of redemption of the stock.

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### **ARTICLE 8 – SECTION 1244 STOCK**

The stock of this Corporation is intended to qualify under the requirements of section 1244 of the Internal Revenue Code and the regulations issued thereunder. Such actions as are necessary will be taken by the appropriate Directors or officers to accomplish this compliance.

### **ARTICLE 9 – SHAREHOLDERS' RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT**

All of the shares of stock of this Corporation may be subject to a Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement containing numerous restrictions on the rights of shareholders of the Corporation and transferability of the shares of stock of the Corporation. A copy of the Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement, if any, is on file at the principal office of the Corporation.

### **ARTICLE 10 – POWERS OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by applicable law or these Articles of Incorporation.

### **ARTICLE 11 – TERMS OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

### **ARTICLE 12 – REGISTERED OWNER(S)**

The Corporation, to the extent permitted by law, shall be entitled to treat the person in whose name any share or right is registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner thereto, for all purposes, and except as may be agreed in writing by the Corporation, the Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or right on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have notice thereof.

### **ARTICLE 13 – REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The name and street address of the registered agent of this Corporation is:

Bradley J. Garrod, Jr., 25149 Derringer Rd., Punta Gorda, FL 33983.

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#### ARTICLE 14 - BYLAWS

The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation shall have the power, without the assent or vote of the shareholders, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of a number of Directors equal to a majority of the number who would constitute a full Board of Director(s) at the time of such action shall be necessary to take any action for the making, alteration, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws.

#### ARTICLE 15 - EFFECTIVE DATE

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE 16 - AMENDMENT

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles of Incorporation or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of any applicable statute of the State of Florida, and all rights conferred upon shareholders in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation.

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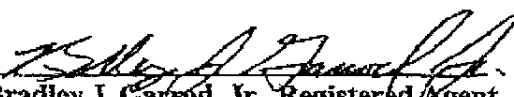
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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this

  
Bradley J. Garrod, Jr., Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED  
IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Having been named as registered agent and 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.

By:   
Bradley J. Garrod, Jr., Registered Agent

State of Florida
County of Charlotte
The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 20____, by _____
Personally Known _____ OR Produced Identification _____
Type of Identification Produced _____
Notary Signature _____

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