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Florida Department of State Division of Corporations Post Office Box 6327 Tallahassee, Florida 32314

RE: **HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC.** 

> (a corporation for profit) Articles of Incorporation

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed herein please find an original and one copy of properly executed Articles of Incorporation and Acceptance of Resident Agent for HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC., a for profit corporation, for filing. Also, enclosed is our check in the amount of \$87.50, made payable to Florida Department of State, to cover the following costs:

Filing Fee for Articles of Incorporation	\$35.00
Designation of Registered Agent Fee	\$35.00
Certified Copy Fee	\$ 8.75
Certificate of Status Fee	<b>\$_</b> 8.75
TOTAL	\$87.50

Please forward the Certified Copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the Certificate of Status to the undersigned at the address set forth below. Thank you for your courteous cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

Gregory B. Perry 1204 68<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive West Bradenton, Florida 34207-6163

Telephone: 941-720-3075

Enclosure:

Original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation

Check for Filing Fee



#### FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE Division of Corporations

May 14, 2007

GREGORY B. PERRY 1204 68 AVE. DR. WEST BRADENTON, FL 34207-6163

SUBJECT: HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC.

Ref. Number: W07000023052

We have received your document for HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The registered agent and street address must be consistent wherever it appears in your 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.

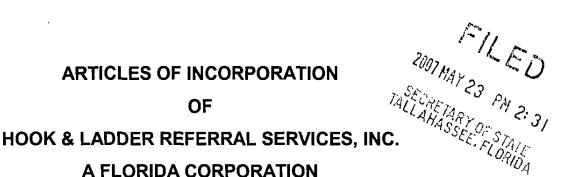
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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF



The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I - Name**

The name of this Corporation shall be HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II - Principle Office**

The initial street and mailing address of the principle office of this Corporation in the State of Florida is HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC., 1269 1st Street, Suite 7, Sarasota, Florida 34236. The Board of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other address in Florida. The Corporation shall have the power to establish branch offices and other place of business at such other places within or without the State of Florida as may be determined and deemed expedient by the Board of Directors from time to time.

### ARTICLE III - Term of Existence

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence, commencing upon filing of these articles of incorporation with the Florida Secretary of State.

#### **ARTICLE IV - Purpose**

This Corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business. The general nature of the business to be conducted and created by this Corporation is:

- (a) To invest in or engage in any business requiring the owner to own and hold licenses, permits or franchises in connection therewith, and to own and hold same.
- (b) To guarantee, purchase, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge, or otherwise dispose of the shares of the capital stock of, or any bonds, securities of evidences of indebtedness created by any other corporation of this State, or any other state or government, while owner of such stock, to exercise all the rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon.
- (c) To purchase, hold, sell and transfer shares of its own capital stock, provided that shares of its own capital stock owned by the Corporation shall not be voted upon directly or indirectly, nor be counted as outstanding for the purpose of any stockholder's quorum or vote.
- (d) To conduct business, have one or more offices, and hold, purchase, mortgage and convey real property in this state, and in any of the several states, territories, possessions, and dependencies of the United States, the District of Columbia and in foreign countries.
- (e) In any matter to acquire, utilize and to dispose of patents, copyrights, and trademarks, licenses and franchises and any rights of interest therein and thereunder.

- (f) To manufacture, purchase, or otherwise acquire, and to own, mortgage, pledge, sell, assign, transfer, or otherwise dispose of, and to invest in, trade in, deal in and with, goods, wares, merchandise, real and personal property, and services of every class, kind and description; except that it is not to conduct a banking, safe deposit, trust, insurance, surety, express, railroad, canal, telegraph, telephone or cemetery company, a building and loan association, mutual fire insurance association, cooperative association, fraternal benefit society, state fair or exposition.
- (g) To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment thereof, or necessary or incidental to the protection and benefit of the Corporation, and in general to carry on any lawful business necessary to, or incidental to, the attainment of the objects of the Corporation, whether or not such business is similar in nature to the objects enumerated in these Article of Incorporation, or any amendment thereof.
- (h) To do and perform any other acts or things, and to exercise any and all powers which a co-partnership or natural person could do and exercise, and, which now are, or may be hereafter, authorized by law, and generally, and in addition to the foregoing, to have all the powers and privileges incidental to, or now or hereafter, conferred by law upon a corporation for profit in the State of Florida for the purpose of transacting any or all lawful business.

The foregoing clauses shall be construed both as objects and as powers, and it is hereby expressly provided that the foregoing enumeration of powers shall not be held to limit or restrict in any manner the powers of the Corporation, and each power and object shall be construed as if named separately and alone, and shall not be limited in any way because of the naming of any other power or object.

#### **ARTICLE V - Capital Stock**

This Corporation is authorized to issue **1,000** shares of **\$1.00** par value common stock, which shall be designated Common Shares. Shares of capital stock of this Corporation shall be issued initially to the following person in the amount set

after his name:

WILLIAM W. HOWELL -

- 99 Shares

**GREGORY B. PERRY** 

1 Shares

#### **ARTICLE VI - Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is 1269 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 7, Sarasota, Florida 34236, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Gregory B. Perry.

#### **ARTICLE VII - Board of Directors**

This Corporation shall have one (1) director. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time as provided in the Corporation's Bylaws, but shall never be less than one (1).

#### ARTICLE VIII - Initial Director

The name and street address of the initial directors of this Corporation are:

GREGORY B. PERRY 1269 1<sup>st</sup> Street Suite 7 Sarasota, Florida 34236

Said directors shall hold office for the first year of the existence of the Corporation or until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.

#### **ARTICLE IX – Initial Officers**

The name and street address of the initial officers of this Corporation are:

GREGORY B. PERRY, President, Secretary, Treasurer 1269 1<sup>st</sup> Street Suite 7 Sarasota, Florida 34236

Said officers shall hold office for the first year of the existence of the Corporation or until their successors are duly elected and have qualified.

## **ARTICLE X - Incorporator**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles and serving as the sole incorporator is:

<u>Name</u>

<u>Address</u>

Gregory B. Perry

1269 1<sup>st</sup> Street

Suite 7

Sarasota, Florida 34236

#### **ARTICLE XI - Bylaws**

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal Bylaws shall be vested in the Board of Directors of this Corporation.

### **ARTICLE XII - Indemnification**

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

#### **ARTICLE XIII - Amendment**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be approved by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the stockholders, and approved at a shareholders meeting by a majority of the stockholders entitled to vote thereon, unless all the directors and all the stockholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment of the Articles of Incorporation be made.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned sole incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation, this 9th day of May, 2007.

Sole Incorperator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF MANATEE

Before me, this day personally appeared GREGORY B. PERRY, to me personally known to be the person described in the above Articles of Incorporation of HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC., as subscriber and acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to said Articles of Incorporation, and did not take an oath.

Witness my hand and official seal in the County and State named above, on this the 9<sup>TH</sup> day of MAY, 2001.

> LISA BRUNNER, Notary Public Commission # DD 59 0054

Commission Expires: Aug. 29, 2010

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# FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED

IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 48.091, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED:

THAT HOOK & LADDER REFERRAL SERVICES, INC., DESIRING TO ORGANIZE OR QUALIFY UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, WITH ITS PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AT CITY OF BRADENTON, STATE OF FLORIDA, HAS NAMED GREGORY B. PERRY, LOCATED AT 1269 1<sup>st</sup> Street, Suite 7, Sarasota, Florida 34236, AS ITS AGENT TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

SIGNATURE:

NAME: GREGORY B. PERRY

TITLE: PRESIDENT DATED: MAY 9, 2007

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OR PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES.

SIGNATURE:

NAME: GREGORY B. PERRY

TITLE: PRESIDENT DATED: MAY 9, 2007

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