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## W. Bart Meacham, Esquire

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October 6, 2008

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

RE: Articles of Incorporation of Top Shelf Catering and Events, Inc.

Dear Sir/Madam:

Enclosed are an original and two copies of the Articles of Incorporation of Top Shelf Catering and Events, Inc. and a check in the amount of \$87.50 for the filing fee, designation of registered agent fee, certified copy fee, and certificate of status fee.

Please return the certified copy and the certificate of status to me via the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope. Should you need anything further, or have any questions, please contact me at your earliest convenience.

Sincerely,

W. Bart Meacham

Enclosure: SASE; original and copy of the Articles of Incorporation of Top Shelf Catering and

Events, Inc.; and check in the amount of \$87.50.

cc: client

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF TOP SHELF CATERING AND EVENTS, INC.

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I. NAME

The name of the corporation is Top Shelf Catering and Events, Inc.

### II. ADDRESS OF CORPORATION

The address of the corporation is 15742 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, Florida 33618.

#### III. DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually.

#### IV. PURPOSE

This corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any and all lawful business. Without limiting or restricting in any manner the general powers of the corporation, and the enjoyment and exercise thereof, as conferred by the laws of the State of Florida, the corporation shall have the following general powers:

- (a) To have a corporate seal, which may be altered at pleasure, and to use the same by causing it, or a facsimile thereof, to be impressed, affixed, or in any other manner reproduced.
- (b) To purchase, take, receive, lease, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, improve, use, and otherwise deal in and with real or personal property or any interest therein, wherever situated.
- (c) To sell, convey, mortgage, pledge, create a security interest in, lease, exchange, transfer and otherwise dispose of all or any part of its property and assets.
- (d) To lend money to, and use its credit to assist its officers and employees in accordance with applicable law.
  - (e) To purchase, take, receive, subscribe for, or otherwise acquire, own, hold, vote,

use, employ, sell, mortgage, lend, pledge or otherwise dispose of, and otherwise use and deal in and with, shares or other interest in, or obligations of, other domestic or foreign corporations, associations, partnerships, or individuals, or direct or indirect obligations of the United States or of any other government, state, territory, governmental district, or municipality or of any instrumentality thereof.

- (f) To make contracts and guarantees and incur liabilities, borrow money at such rates of interest as the corporation may determine, issue its notes, bonds and other obligations, and secure any of its obligations by mortgage or pledge of all its property, franchises, and income.
- (g) To lend money for its corporate purchases, invest and reinvest its funds, and take and hold real and personal property as security for the payment of funds so loaned or invested.
- (h) To conduct its business, carry on its operations, and have offices and exercise the powers granted by this act within or without this state.
- (i) To elect or appoint officers and agents of the corporation and define their duties and fix their compensation.
- (j) To make and alter bylaws, not inconsistent with its articles of incorporation or with the laws of this state, for the administration and regulation of the affairs of the corporation.
- (k) To make donations for the public welfare or for charitable, scientific, or educational purposes.
- (l) To transact any lawful business which the board of directors shall find will be in aid of governmental policy.
- (m) To pay pensions and establish pension plans, profit sharing plans, stock bonus plans, stock option plans, and other incentive plans for any or all of its directors, officers, and employees and for any or all of the directors, officers, and employees of its subsidiaries.

- (n) To be a promoter, incorporator, partner, member, associate, or manager of any corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise.
  - (o) To have and exercise all powers necessary or convenient to effect its purposes.
- (p) To indemnify any person who was or is made a party, or is threatened to be made a party, to any proceeding by reason of his having served as a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation all as provided by applicable law.
- (q) To purchase, take, receive or otherwise acquire, hold, own, pledge, grant a security interest in, transfer, or otherwise dispose of its own shares.

#### V. CAPITAL STOCK

The maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any one time is two hundred (200) shares of common stock of one class only, having no par value.

#### VI. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

Every shareholder, upon the issuance of any new stock of this corporation of the same kind, class or series as that which he already holds, shall have the right to purchase his prorate share thereof at the price at which it is offered to others.

#### VII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation is 15742 North Dale Mabry Hwy., Tampa, Florida 33618, and the name of the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is Matthew J. Walsh.

#### VIII. DIRECTOR

The corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be increased or decreased from time to time, in accordance with bylaws adopted by the shareholders, provided, that

the corporation shall always have the minimum number of directors required by law.

IX.

#### INITIAL DIRECTOR

The name and address of the initial director is:

**NAME** 

**ADDRESS** 

Matthew J. Walsh

15742 North Dale Mabry Hwy. Tampa, Florida 33618

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#### **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator signing these articles is:

W. Bart Meacham 412 E. Madison Street, Suite 1111 Tampa, Florida 33602 (813) 223-6334

#### XI. BYLAWS

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws shall be by majority vote of the Board of Directors or by majority vote of the shareholders provided, however, that the Board of Directors shall not have the power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal bylaws if such action would be inconsistent with any bylaws adopted by the shareholders.

#### XII.

#### **AMENDMENT**

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law. Every amendment shall be by the Board of Directors, proposed by them to the shareholders, and approved at a shareholders' meeting by a majority of the shares entitled to vote thereon.

#### ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION

I, Matthew J. Walsh, hereby accept the designation as the Registered Agent for Top Shelf Catering and Events, Inc.

Matthew J. Walsh

As Registered Agent

W. Bart Meacham

As Incorporator

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### **COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

I hereby certify that on this day, before me, a Notary Public, duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared W. Bart Meacham who is personally known to me or has produced a drivers license as identification, who is known to me to be the person described as incorporator, who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and who did take an oath.

Witness my hand and seal in the county and state named above this 6th day of October, 2008.

NOTARY PUBLIC-STATE OF FLORIDA
Stephanie Meacham
Commission # DD691807
Expires: AUG. 09, 2011
BONDED THRU ATLANTIC BONDING CO., INC.

Notary Public, Commission N

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