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Re: BENCHMARK REALTY GROUP, INC.

Gentlemen:

Enclosed are the original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation and Acceptance of Appointment as Registered Agent for filing with the Secretary of State. This firm's check in the amount of \$70.00 is enclosed for the filing fee.

Please let me know if you require anything further to file these documents.

Very truly yours,

THOMAS AND THOMAS, P.A.

Bryan M. Thomas

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#### **ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

## OF

# BENCHMARK REALTY GROUP, INC.

The undersigned Incorporator, being a person competent to contract, subscribes to these Articles of Incorporation to form a corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE 1 - Name

The name of this corporation shall be:

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## BENCHMARK REALTY GROUP, INC.

## **ARTICLE II - Business and Activities**

This corporation may, and is authorized to, engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and of the State of Florida.

## ARTICLE III - Capital Stock

The authorized capital stock of this corporation and the maximum number of shares of stock that this corporation is authorized to issue and have outstanding at any one time is 7,500 shares of common stock having a par value of \$1.00 per share.

#### ARTICLE IV Term of Existence

The effective date upon which this corporation shall come into existence shall be upon the filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State, and it shall exist perpetually thereafter unless dissolved according to law.

# ARTICLE V - Initial Corporate Office Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial corporate office of this corporation is 2221 Lee Road, Suite 17, Winter Park, Florida 32789 and the name of the initial Registered Agent is Bryan M. Thomas, 2221 Lee Road, Suite 17, Winter Park Florida 32835.

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## ARTICLE VI Directors

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- A. The initial number of Directors of this corporation shall be one (1).
- B. The number of Directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the Board of Directors or the Shareholders in accordance with the By-Laws of this corporation. In no event, however, shall the number of Directors be less than one (1).
- C. Directors, as such, shall receive such compensation for their services, if any, as may be set by the Board of Directors at any annual or special meeting thereof. The Board of Directors may authorize and require the payment of reasonable expenses incurred by Directors in attending meetings of the Board of Directors.
- D. Nothing in this Article shall be construed to preclude the Directors from serving the Corporation in any other capacity and receiving compensation therefor.
- E. The names and street addresses of the initial members of the Board of Directors, to hold office until the first annual meeting of the Shareholders of this corporation or until their successors are elected or appointed and have qualified, is:

<u>Name</u>	Address
Lillian D. Clarke	5871 Michaux Street Boca Raton, Florida 33433

- F. Any Director may be removed from office by the holders of a majority of the stock entitled to vote thereon at any annual or special meeting of the Shareholders of this corporation for any cause deemed sufficient by such Shareholders.
- G. In case one or more vacancies shall occur in the Board of Directors by reason of death, resignation or otherwise, the vacancies shall be filled by the Shareholders of this corporation at their next annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose of filling such vacancies; provided, however, any vacancy may be filled by the remaining Directors until the Shareholders have acted to fill the vacancy.

# ARTICLE VII - Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator signing these Articles is:

NameAddressBryan M. Thomas2221 Lee Road, Suite 17Winter Park, Florida 32789

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## ARTICLE VIII Lost or Destroyed Certificates

Stock certificates to replace lost or destroyed certificates shall be issued on such basis and according to such procedures as are from time to time provided for in the By-Laws of this corporation.

### ARTICLE IX Amendment to Articles

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 Shareholders, and approved at a Shareholders' meeting by the holders of a majority of the stock issued and entitled to be voted, unless all the Directors and all the Shareholders sign a written statement manifesting their intention that a certain amendment to these Articles of Incorporation be made.

#### ARTICLE X By-Laws

The power to adopt, alter, amend or repeal By-Laws of this corporation shall be vested in the Shareholders or the Board of Directors of this corporation; provided, however, that any By-Laws adopted by the Directors which are inconsistent with any By-Laws adopted by the Shareholders shall be void, and the Directors may not alter, amend or repeal any By-Laws adopted by the Shareholders.

# **ARTICLE XI** No Preemptive Rights

No shareholder of this corporation shall have any preemptive or preferential right, as there are defined by law, to subscribe for or purchase shares or securities which the corporation may from time to time issue or sell.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned Incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of February, 1996.

THOMAS

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF ORANGE

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The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this Horn day of February, 1996, by BRYAN M. THOMAS, who is personally known to me or who has produced -as identification; and who did not take an oath.

Typed Name: Patricia Sue Andrews **Notary Public** 

My Commission Expires:



PATRICIA SUE ANDREWS My Commission CC370952 800-852-5878

Expires Jun, 05, 1998 Bonded by ANE

# ACCEPTANCE OF APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT 96 APR - 1 AMIL: 41

The undersigned hereby accepts the appointment to serve as the initial Registered (ARY OF STATE Agent of BENCHMARK REALTY GROUP, INC.

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M. THOMAS RYAN

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