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We have received your document for ATLANTIC AMERICAN REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT COMPANY INC. and your check(s) totaling \$122.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ATLANTIC AMERICAN REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT COMPANY

INCORPORATED

THE UNDERSIGNED SUBSCRIBERS TO THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, EACH A NATURAL PERSON COMPETENT TO CONTRACT, DO HEREBY ASSOCIATE THEMSELVES TOGETHER FOR THE PURPOSE OF FORMING A BODY CORPORATE UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA AS SET FORTH IN THE FOLLOWING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

ARTICLE 1. NAME AND ADDRESS

THE NAME OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE ATLANTIC AMERICAN REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED AND ITS GENERAL OFFICE SHALL BE LOCATED AT 107 S.W. 17TH STREET, SUITE "H", OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974 AND SAID CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE POWER TO CONDUCT ITS BUSINESS IN ALL ITS BRANCHES AT SUCH POINT IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND OF THE UNITED STATES AND FOREIGN COUNTRIES AS MAY FROM TIME TO TIME BE AUTHORIZED BY ITS BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND MAY MOVE THE PRINCIPAL OFFICE TO ANY OTHER ADDRESS IN FLORIDA.

ARTICLE 11. PURPOSE

THIS CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED FOR THE FOLLOWING PURPOSES:

(A) TO ENGAGE IN EVERY ASPECT AND PHASE OF THE REAL ESTATE SALES BUSINESS AND

SHALL INCLUDE, BUT NOT BE LIMITED TO, THE FOLLOWING TYPES OF THE REAL ESTATE BUSINESS

REAL ESTATE SALES - ALL PHASES - PROPERTY MANAGEMENT - LEASING
APPRAISING, AUCTIONS, RENTALS AND BUSINESS OPPORTUNITIES

- (B) TO ENGAGE IN EVERY ASPECT AND PHASE OF THE BUSINESS OF INVESTING AND REINVESTING IN REAL, TANGIBLE AND INTANGIBLE PROPERTY.
- (C) 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, EXPRESS, RAILROAD, CANAL, TELEGRAPH, TELEPHONE OR CEMETERY COMPANY, A BUILDING AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, COOPERATIVE ASSOCIATION, FRATERNAL BENEFIT SOCIETY, STATE FAIR OR EXPOSITION.
- (D) TO CONDUCT BUSINESS, HAVE ONE OR MORE OFFICES, AND BUY, HOLD, MORTGAGE, SELL, CONVEY, LEASE OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF REAL AND PERSONAL PROPERTY, INCLUDING INCLUDING FRANCHISES, PATENTS, COPYRIGHTS, TRADEMARKS, AND LICENSES, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA AND IN ALL OTHER STATES AND COUNTRIES.
- (E) TO CONDUCT DEBTS AND BORROW MONEY, ISSUE AND SELL OR PLEDGE BONDS,

 DEBENTURES, NOTES AND OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS, AND EXECUTE SUCH

 MORTGAGES, TRANSFERS OF CORPORATE PROPERTY, OR OTHER INSTRUMENTS TO SECURE THE

 PAYMENT OF CORPORATE INDEBTEDNESS AS REQUIRED.
- (F) TO PURCHASE THE CORPORATE ASSETS OF ANY OTHER CORPORATION AND ENGAGE IN THE SAME OR OTHER CHARACTER OF BUSINESS.
- (G) TO GUARANTEE, ENDORSE, PURCHASE, HOLD, SELL, TRANSFER, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE,
 OR OTHERWISE ACQUIRE OR DISPOSE OF THE SHARES OF THE CAPITAL STOCK OF, OR ANY BONDS,
 SECURITIES, OR OTHER EVIDENCES OF INDEBTEDNESS CREATED BY ANY OTHER CORPORATION
 OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA OR ANY OTHER STATE OR GOVERNMENT, AND WHILE OWNER OF SUCH

STOCK TO EXERCISE ALL THE RIGHTS, POWERS AND PRIVILEGES OF OWNERSHIP, INCLUDING THE RIGHT TO VOTE SUCH STOCK.

(II) THE FOREGOING CLAUSES SHALL BE CONSTRUED BOTH AS PURPOSES AND POWERS;

AND IT IS HEREBY EXPRESSLY PROVIDED THAT THE FOREGOING ENUMERATION OF SPECIFIC

POWERS SHALL NOT BE HELD TO LIMIT OR RESTRICT IN ANY MANNER THE POWERS OF THE

CORPORATION.

ARTICLE 111. DURATION

THE EXISTENCE OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE PERPETUAL, COMMENCING WITH THE DATE THESE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION ARE APPROVED BY THE SECRETARY OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

ARTICLE IV. CAPITAL STOCK

THIS CORPORATION IS AUTHORIZED TO ISSUE BOTH "PREFERRED" AND "COMMON" STOCK.

THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF "COMMON" SHARES WHICH THIS CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE

AUTHORITY TO ISSUE IS TEN MILLION (10,000,000) SHARES, AND THE AGGREGATE NUMBER OF

"PREFERRED" SHARES WHICH THIS CORPORATION SHALL HAVE THE AUTHORITY TO ISSUE IS ONE

MILLION (1,000,000) SHARES.

THE PREFERRED SHARES SHALL HAVE A PAR VALUE OF ONE CENT (\$.01) PER SHARE WITH AN AGGREGATE OVERALL PAR VALUE OF TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) AND SHALL BE DESIGNATED "PREFERRED SHARES". THE SAID PREFERRED SHARES SHALL NOT HAVE ANY VOTING RIGHTS. THE HOLDERS OF RECORD OF THE PREFERRED SHARES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO CASH DIVIDENDS WHEN AND AS DECLARED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE RATE PER SHARE PER ANNUM AND AT THE TIME AND IN THE MANNER DETERMINED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IN THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EACH SERIES OF PREFERRED SHARES. THE CASH DIVIDEND ON THE PREFERRED SHARES SHALL BE CUMULATIVE ONLY IF SO DIRECTED

SPECIFICALLY IN THE RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF THE SAME AND ANY AND ALL TERMS OF PAYMENT OF SAME MAY BE PRESCRIBED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AT THE TIME OF ISSUANCE. CASH DIVIDENDS ON PREFERRED SHARES SHALL ACCRUE FROM THE DATE OF ISSUE. IN THE EVENT OF ANY VOLUNTARY OR INVOLUNTARY LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, OR WINDING UP OF THIS CORPORATION, THE HOLDERS OF RECORD OF THE OUTSTANDING PREFERRED.

SHARES SHALL BE ENTITLED TO BE PAID THE PAR VALUE DETERMINED AT THE TIME OF
ISSUANCE, PLUS ACCUMULATED DIVIDENDS UP TO THE DATE OF LIQUIDATION, DISSOLUTION, OR
WINDING UP OF THIS CORPORATION, WHETHER OR NOT THIS CORPORATION SHALL HAVE A
SURPLUS OR EARNINGS AVAILABLE FOR DIVIDENDS AND NO MORE.

PREFERRED SHARES MAY BE ISSUED FROM TIME TO TIME IN SERIES. ALL PREFERRED SHARES SHALL BE OF EQUAL RANK AND IDENTICAL, EXCEPT IN RESPECT TO THE PARTICULARS THAT MAY BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS IS AUTHORIZED AND REQUIRED TO FIX, IN THE MANNER AND TO THE FULL EXTENT PROVIDED AND PERMITTED BY LAW, ALL PROVISIONS OF THE SHARES OF EACH SERIES SET FORTH BELOW:

- 1. THE DISTINCTIVE DESIGNATION OF ALL SERIES AND THE NUMBER OF THOSE SHARES
 THAT SHALL CONSTITUTE THOSE SERIES:
- 2. THE ANNUAL RATE OF DIVIDENDS PAYABLE ON THE SHARES OF ALL SERIES AND THE TIME AND MANNER OF PAYMENT:
- 3. THE REDEMPTION PRICE PR PRICES, IF ANY, FOR THE SHARES OF EACH, ANY OR ALL SERIES.
- 4. THE OBLIGATION, IF ANY, OF THE CORPORATION TO MAINTAIN A SINKING FUND FOR
 THE PERIODIC REDEMPTION OF SHARES OF ANY SERIES AND TO APPLY THE SINKING FUND TO
 THE REDEMPTION OF THOSE SHARES:
 - 5. THE RIGHTS, IF ANY, OF THE HOLDERS OF SHARES OF EACH SERIES TO CONVERT THOSE

SHARES INTO COMMON SHARES AND THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THAT CONVERSION.

WITH REFERENCE TO THE "COMMON" STOCK, THE SAME SHALL BE CLASSED AS CAPITAL STOCK OF THIS CORPORATION AND SHALL HAVE A PAR VALUE OF EACH SHARE OF ONE-TENTH OF ONE CENT (\$.001) WITH THE AGGREGATE PAR VALUE OF SAID SHARES WHEN ISSUED IN THEIR ENTIRETY TO BE TEN THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$10,000.00) THE AMOUNT OF THE COMMON CAPITAL STOCK WITH WHICH THIS CORPORATION SHALL BEGIN BUSINESS SHALL BE NO LESS THAN FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$5,000.00). SAID COMMON CAPITAL STOCK OF THIS CORPORATION WILL BE ISSUED AND PAID FOR IN LAWFUL MONEY OF THE UNITED STATES OR IN PROPERTY, LABOR OR SERVICES AT A JUST VALUATION THEREOF TO BE FIXED BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS, AND ANY AND ALL SHARES ISSUED FOR SUCH CONSIDERATION WILL BE FULLY PAID AND NONASSESSABLE. THE SAID COMMON CAPITAL STOCK SHALL BE ISSUED, SOLD, OR TRANSFERRED ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE BYLAWS OF THIS CORPORATION AS THEY MAY EXIST FROM TIME TO TIME.

ARTICLE V. DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

THIS CORPORATION WILL HAVE THREE (3) DIRECTORS INITIALLY. THE NUMBER OF
DIRECTORS MAY BE INCREASED FROM TIME TO TIME BY THE BYLAWS BUT SHALL NEVER BE LESS
THAN THREE (3). THE NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF THE INITIAL DIRECTORS OF THIS CORPORATION
ARE:

STACEY L. LAWSON

2609 ORANGE GROVE DRIVE

SEBRING, FLORIDA 33870

JOHN MC CLELLAN

1401 W. BLISS STREET

AVON PARK, FLORIDA 33825

CATHERINE J. THOMPSON

144 SOUTH HALIFAX - UNIT 7 DAYTONA BEACH, FLORIDA 32118

THE BUSINESS OF THIS CORPORATION SHALL BE CONDUCTED BY THE BOARD OF

DIRECTORS AND THE OFFICERS OF THE CORPORATION AS SHALL BE DETERMINED TO BE NECESSARY BY THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS. THE OFFICERS SHALL BE ELECTED BY THE DIRECTORS AT THE MEETING HELD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCKHOLDERS. HOWEVER, THE OFFICERS INITIALLY WHO WILL DIRECT THE AFFAIRS OF THE CORPORATION UNTIL ALL OTHER OFFICERS ARE ELECTED ARE:

CATHERINE J. THOMPSON

PRESIDENT

BRIAN BISHOP

VICE-PRESIDENT

JOHN W. MC CLELLAN

SECRETARY/TREASURER

DIRECTORS WILL BE CHOSEN ANNUALLY AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE STOCK-HOLDERS. THE INITIAL DIRECTORS NAMES ABOVE AND ALL SUBSEQUENT APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS AND THEIR TERMS OF OFFICE WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE BYLAWS OF THIS CORPORATION.

> CATHERINE J. THOMPSON C/O CORPORATE OFFICE AT 107 S.W. 17^{TI} STREET, SUITE "H" OKEECHOBEE, FLORIDA 34974

STATE OF FLORIDA)
COUNTY OF HIGHLANDS)

I DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT ON THIS DAY PERSONALLY APPEARED BEFORE ME, A NOTARY PUBLIC IN AND FOR THE STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE, CATHERINE J. THOMPSON, TO ME WELL KNOWN AND KNOWN TO ME TO BE THE INDIVIDUAL DESCRIBED HEREIN AND WHO EXECUTED THE FOREGOING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF ATLANTIC AMERICAN REAL ESTATE & INVESTMENT COMPANY, INCORPORATED, AND SHE ACKNOWLEDGED BEFORE ME THAT SHE SIGNED AND EXECUTED SAID ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FREELY AND VOLUNTARILY FOR THE USES AND PURPOSES THEREIN SET FORTH.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND AND SEAL AT <u>Schools</u> JA Jugk lands (secrety, this <u>Septa</u> day of september, 1996.

NOTARY PUBLIC

STATE OF FLORIDA AT LARGE

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES: Jely 12, 1990

GERALDINE SAWICKI
Notary Public, State of Florida
My comm. expires July 12, 1999
Comm. No. CC Aronne

HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICES OF PROCESS FOR THE HEREINABOVE

CORPORATION, AT THE PLACES DESIGNATED IN THE FOREGOING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION,

I DO HEREBY ACCEPT TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY AND AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE APPLICABLE

PROVISIONS OF THE FLORIDA STATUTES RELATIVE TO KEEPING OPEN SAID OFFICE.

<u>ACKNOWLEDGMENT</u>

CATHERINE J. THOMPSON

RESIDENT AGENT 107 S.W. 17th Street

7 Suite H - Okeechobee, Florida 3497: