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RE: Gulf Coast Hospitality Group, Inc.

To Whom It May Concern:

Enclosed please find for filing the Articles of Incorporation of Gulf Coast Hospitality Group, Inc., along with a check in the amount of \$122.50 covering the following:

Filing Fee	\$ 35.00	7AL SE(
Certified copy of Articles	52.50	CRE NO
Certified Designating Registered Agent	35.00	FIL TAR IASS
Registered Agent	_33.00	Y S E
	\$122.50	F ST

Also enclosed is a duplicate original of the Articles of Incorporation for your convenience in returning a certified copy of the Articles.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

**EFFECTIVE DATE** NOV 1 1 1996 Very truly yours,

G. Carson McEachern For the Firm

GCM/kaf Enclosures. 99999-363

CC:

Mr. Alan J. Pratt

Mr. Peter R. Sereno, Jr.

EFFECTIVE DATE NOV 1 1 1996

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

GULF COAST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation, being a natural person competent to contract, hereby subscribes to and forms a corporation for profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

# ARTICLE I

#### CORPORATE NAME AND PRINCIPAL PLACE

The name of the corporation is GULF COAST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC. The principal place of business of the corporation shall initially be 4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Naples, Florida 34103.

# **ARTICLE II**

# **DURATION**

The corporation shall have perpetual existence.

# **ARTICLE III**

# **PURPOSE**

The corporation is organized for the purpose of transacting any or all lawful business.

# ARTICLE IV

#### **CAPITAL STOCK**

The corporation is authorized to issue 100,000 shares of \$0.01 par value common stock, which shall be designated "common shares".

# ARTICLE V

# PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

The corporation elects to have preemptive rights.

# **ARTICLE VI**

# **INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the initial registered agent of the corporation is 4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Naples, Florida 34103, and the name of the initial registered agent of the corporation at that address is Peter R. Sereno, Jr.. The officers may from time to time select and so communicate by appropriate notice to the Department of State, another registered office or registered agent or both.

# **ARTICLE VII**

# **INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

The corporation shall have three directors initially. The number of directors may be either increased or diminished from time to time by the bylaws but shall never be less than one. The names and addresses of the initial directors of the corporation are:

NAME	ADDRESS
Alan J. Pratt	4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North Naples, Florida 34103
Christopher J. Sereno	4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North Naples, Florida 34103
Peter R. Sereno, Jr.	4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North Naples, Florida 34103

A quorum of the Board of Directors shall consist of no fewer than two-thirds of the number of directors.

# ARTICLE VIII

# **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the person signing these Articles is:

**NAME** 

<u>ADDRESS</u>

Alan J. Pratt

4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North Napies, Florida 34103

# **ARTICLE IX**

#### **BYLAWS**

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

# ARTICLE X

# **AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders, except the Preemptive Rights created in Article V, is subject to this reservation.

# **ARTICLE XI**

# **INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any officer and/or director, or any former officer and/or director to the full extent of the law.

# **ARTICLE XII**

#### **EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective upon the date of subscription and acknowledgement.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation this // day of November, 1996. STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF COLLIER The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day of the foregoing, 1996, by ALAN J. PRATT, who is personally known to me or who has produced as identification. Notary Public, State of Florida KATHLEEN A. FAMULARE Print Name\_ Serial Number

[NOTARY SEAL]

My Commission Expires: KATHLEEN A. FAMULARE MY COMMISSION # CC-170435 EXPIRES: June 8, 1999 Bonded Thru Notary Public Under

# **CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION**

# REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designating the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation is GULF COAST HOSPITALITY GROUP, INC.
- The name and address of the registered agent and office is Peter R. Sereno, Jr.,
   4300 Gulf Shore Boulevard North, Naples, Florida 34103.

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ALAN J. PRATT	
Title: Incorporator	
Date: 1/ November 1996	

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 10 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.

PETER R. SERENO, JR.

Date: 12 November, 1996

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