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November 8, 1996

NORMA J. ROSE FIRST CHOICE PARALEGAL 213 W. BRANDON BLVD. #205 BRANDON, FL 33511

SUBJECT: STEPHEN W. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. Ref. Number: W96000023854

We have received your document for STEPHEN W. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC. and check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The effective date is not acceptable since it is not within five working days of the date of receipt.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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Brenda Baker Corporate Specialist

# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

STEPHEN W. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC.

### ARTICLE I. NAME AND ADDRESS

The name of this corporation is STEPHEN W. SMITH AND ASSOCIATES, INC... The principal address of the corporation is PO BOX 809 BRANDON, FL. 33509-0809.

# ARTICLE II. COMMENCEMENT OF CORPORATE EXISTENCE

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In accordance with Section 607.167 Florida Statutes, the date when corporate existence shall commence is the date of subscription and acknowledgment of these Articles of Incorporation.

# ARTICLE III. DURATION

This corporation shall exist perpetually, commencing on the date of the subscription and acknowledgment of the Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE IV. PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for the purpose of the transaction of any lawful business.

#### ARTICLE V. CAPITAL STOCK

This corporation is authorized to issue one hundred (100) common shares of \$1.00 (dollars) par value capital stock.

#### **ARTICLE VI. PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS**

Every shareholder, upon the sale for cash by this corporation of any new capital stock of the same kind, class or series, as that which he or she already holds, shall have the preemptive right to purchase his or her pro rata share thereof (as nearly as may be done without the issuance of fractional shares) at the price at which it is offered to others.

#### ARTICLE VII. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE & AGENT

The street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is FIRST CHOICE PARALEGAL 2130 W. BRANDON BLVD. SUITE 205 BRANDON, FL. 33511. The name of the initial registered agent for this corporation at that address is NORMA J. ROSE.

#### ARTICLE VIII. MANAGEMENT OF CORPORATION BY SHAREHOLDERS

All corporate powers shall be exercised by or under that authority of and the business and affairs of this corporation shall be managed under the direction of the shareholders of this corporation.

#### ARTICLE IX. INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the person signing these Articles of Incorporation is STEPHEN W. SMITH.

#### ARTICLE X. INDEMNIFICATION

This corporation shall indemnify any officer or any former officer, to the full extent as provided for by law.

#### **ARTICLE XI. AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend or repeal any provisions contained in these

Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto. Any rights conferred upon the shareholders are subject to this reservation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned subscriber has executed these Articles of Incorporation on this 22 day of NOVEMBER, 1996.

STEPHEN W. SMITH

#### STATE OF FLORIDA

#### **COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH**

Before me, a Notary Public authorized to take acknowledgements in Hillsborough County, Florida, personally appeared STEPHEN W. SMITH, known to me to be the person who executed and acknowledged the execution of the foregoing Articles of Incorporation.

In Witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal, in Hillsborough County, Florida on this 22 day of NOVEMBER, 1996.

Notary Public

My commission expires:



## **ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above named corporation, at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I hereby accept to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of Florida Law relative to keeping this office open.

NORMA J. ROSE