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NAME: BACK BAY STEAKHOUSE OF  
VENICE, INC.

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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
       CERTIFICATE OF LIMITED PARTNERSHIP

PLEASE RETURN THE FOLLOWING AS PROOF OF FILING:

XX CERTIFIED COPY  
       PLAIN STAMPED COPY  
       CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING

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March 25, 1997

Secretary of State  
Corporate Records Bureau  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Re: BACK BAY STEAKHOUSE OF VENICE, INC.

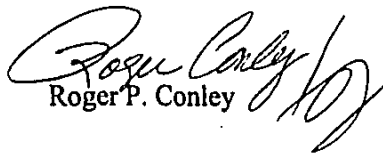
Gentlemen:

Please find enclosed duplicate originals of the Articles of Incorporation for the above, together with the certificate of designating the resident agent for same.

Also, please find enclosed a check in the amount of \$122.50, representing payment of the following:

1. \$35.00 - filing fee;
2. \$52.50 - filing fee for designation of resident agent;;
3. \$35.00 - for certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation.

Very truly yours,

  
Roger P. Conley

RPC/sv  
Enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**  
**OF**  
**BACK BAY STEAKHOUSE OF VENICE, INC.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Pursuant to the provisions of the statutes of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation for profit, the undersigned has placed his signature and seal upon this document for the purposes of becoming a corporation under the laws of the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is: **BACK BAY STEAKHOUSE OF VENICE, INC.**

**ARTICLE II - DURATION**

This corporation shall have perpetual existence.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

This corporation is organized for the following purposes:

To operate a restaurant and related business.

To acquire by purchase, subscription or otherwise, and to hold as investment or otherwise, any bonds or other securities as evidence of indebtedness, or any shares of capital stock created or issued by another corporation or corporations, association or associations, of any state, district, territory or country; to purchase, hold as an investment or otherwise, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of stocks, bonds or other securities or evidences of indebtedness created or issued by any other corporation or corporations, association or associations, and while the owner, holder of pledges of such stock, or security, to exercise all the

rights, powers and privileges of ownership, including the right to vote thereon; to aid in any lawful manner any corporation or association of which the bonds, or other securities, or evidences of indebtedness, or stocks are held by this corporation, and to do any and all lawful acts or things designated to protect, preserve, improve or enhance the value of any such bonds, or other securities, or evidence of indebtedness created by any such corporation;

To acquire by purchase or otherwise the goodwill, business property rights, franchises and assets of every kind, and undertake either wholly or in part the liabilities of any person, firm, association or corporation engaged in any business similar to those purposes, and to take up any business, similar or incidental to the business in which this corporation is engaged, as to going concern or otherwise: (1) by purchase of the assets thereof wholly or in part; (2) by acquisition of the capital or any part hereof, or (3) in any other manner, and to pay for the same in cash, the stock or bonds of this corporation, or partly in cash and partly in such stock or bonds or otherwise; to hold, maintain and operate or in any manner dispose of the whole or in part of the goodwill, business rights and property so acquired; and to conduct in any lawful manner the whole or any part of any business so acquired and to exercise all the powers necessary or convenient in and about the management of business;

To purchase and otherwise acquire, sell and otherwise dispose of, deal in and deal with personal property of all kinds, including patents, patent rights, copyrights, trademarks and including business concerns and undertakings;

To purchase, take, acquire, lease, hold, own, maintain, cultivate, work, develop, sell, convey, mortgage, exchange and improve or otherwise deal in and with real estate or any interest and rights therein and water rights, and to erect, construct, alter and maintain and improve land, building or works or any description on any land or any water rights so purchased or otherwise

acquired or upon any other land, and to repair, alter and improve existing houses, warehouses or works thereon and appurtenant or convenient thereto;

To act as agent or representative for corporations, associations, firms and individuals and as such to develop, improve and extend the trade and business interest of corporations, associations, firms and individuals;

To borrow money, to give its promissory notes or other evidences of indebtedness therefor, to make and enter into indenture of trust agreements, to make and issue its debenture bonds or certificates of indebtedness, payable to bearer or otherwise, with or without interest coupons attached, and in addition to such interest, until such certificate of indebtedness or debenture bonds are discharged but no thereafter, with or without participation in the earnings, or a share of the earnings of the corporation, and to issue bonds and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust or otherwise on all or any part of its assets, for any of the purposes of the corporation;

To make by-laws and regulations not inconsistent with the constitution or laws of the United States, or of this state, or of the charter of the corporation; to have one or more offices, to carry on all or any of its operations and business and without restrictions or limit as to amount, to purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, own, mortgage, sell, convey or otherwise dispose of real and personal property of every class and description and for the purposes of attaining or furthering any of its objects or purposes, the corporation shall have the power to do any and all such other incidental acts and things and to exercise any and all other powers which a co-partnership or natural person could do and exercise, as may be authorized by law;

To transact any or all lawful business;

The several clauses contained in this statement of purposes shall be construed as both

purposes and powers, and their statements contained in each clause shall, except where otherwise expressly stated, be in no ways limited or restricted by reference to or interference from the terms of any other clause but shall be regarded as independent purposes and powers, rights or privileges given by law to corporations.

#### **ARTICLE IV - CAPITAL STOCK**

This corporation is authorized to issue 500 shares of common stock with a par value of \$1.00 per share.

#### **ARTICLE V - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT**

The street address of the principal office and mailing address of the corporation is: 2401 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205; and the name and address of the initial registered office and agent of this corporation is: **ROGER P. CONLEY**, 2401 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida 34205.

#### **ARTICLE VI- INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

This corporation shall have one (1) director initially. The number of directors may be either increased or decreased from time to time as provided in the by-laws, but shall never be less than one (1).

#### **ARTICLE VII - INCORPORATORS**

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

Robert Gagne  
3410 Riverview Boulevard West  
Bradenton, Florida 34205

The officers of this corporation shall be a president, who shall be a director of the corporation; a vice-president, a secretary and a treasurer, and such other officers and agents as may be necessary. All officers and agents as may be necessary shall be chosen in such manner,

hold office for such terms and have such powers and duties as may be prescribed by the by-laws of the corporation or determined by the board of directors. Any person may hold two offices, except that the president shall not be also the secretary or assistant secretary of this corporation.

**ARTICLE VIII - 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 is subject to this reservation.

**ARTICLE IX - INDEMNIFICATION**

The corporation shall indemnify any officer or director, or any former officer or director, to the full extent permitted by laws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this the 25th day of April, 1997.

Robert Gagne  
ROBERT GAGNE

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNTY OF MANATEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 25th day of April, 1997, by ROBERT GAGNE, who is personally known to me or who has produced VALID FLORIDA DRIVER'S LICENSE as identification and who did/did not take an oath.

Susan J. Vanzant  
Notary Public  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_



SUSAN J. VANZANT  
MY COMMISSION # CG321277 EXPIRES  
November 13, 1997  
BANCRO TERRY TRUST INSURANCE, INC.

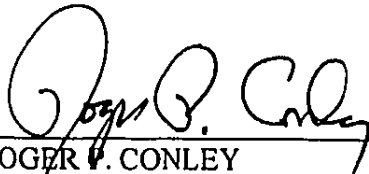
**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE  
FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS STATE  
NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM SERVICE MAY BE SERVED**

In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance with said Act:

FIRST - That **BACK BAY STEAKHOUSE OF VENICE, INC.**, desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida with its principal office, is indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Bradenton, County of Manatee, State of Florida, has named **ROGER P. CONLEY**, located at 2401 Manatee Avenue West., Bradenton, Florida 34205, County of Manatee, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within said State.

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**  
(MUST BE SIGNED BY DESIGNATED AGENT)

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

  
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ROGER P. CONLEY

Resident Agent

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