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RE: Crawford & Sons Tree Service, Inc.

Gentlemen:

Tallahassee, FL 32314

Enclosed please find Articles of Incorporation of Crawford & Sons Tree Service, Inc., and a check to the Secretary of State for \$122.50.

Please note that the principals of Crawford & Sons Tree Service, Inc. are currently registered under the fictitious name of Crawford & Sons Tree Service.

Please forward the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation back to us.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

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Enclosures

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FILED OF 97 APR 14 PH 2:49

CRAWFORD & SONS TREE SERVICE, INC. TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Business Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE I

4-15-97

NAME

The name of the corporation shall be CRAWFORD & SONS TREE SERVICE, INC.

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be as follows:

Corporate Address:

227 Treasure Road Venice, Florida 34293

ARTICLE II

TERM OF EXISTENCE

The term of existence of the corporation shall be perpetual. Corporate existence shall begin on April 1/5, 1997.

ARTICLE III

NATURE OF BUSINESS

The purpose of the corporation is to transact any business and to engage in, enter into, promote or conduct any or all lawful activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States, the State of Florida, or any other state, country, territory or nation.

ARTICLE IV

CAPITAL STOCK

The total number of shares of stock which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 5,000 shares, all of which shall be common shares with a par value of \$1.00 per share.

The holders of the shares of any class (other than shares which are limited as to dividend rate and liquidation preference) shall, upon the offering or sale for cash of shares of the same class, have the right, during a reasonable time and on reasonable terms fixed by the Board of Directors, to purchase such shares in proportion to their respective holding of shares of such class, unless the shares offered or sold are: (a) treasury shares, (b) issued as a share dividend, (c) issued or agreed to be issued for considerations other than money, or (d) released from pre-emptive rights by the affirmative vote of the holders of two-thirds of the shares entitled to such pre-emptive rights.

ARTICLE V

REGISTERED AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation in Sarasota County, Florida, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address are as follows:

Name and street address

William R. Crawford 227 Treasure Road Venice, Florida 34293

ARTICLE VI

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have a Board of Directors of two (2) directors initially. The number of directors shall be prescribed by the Bylaws of the corporation from time to time. The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as the initial directors of the corporation until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until their successors are duly elected and qualified are as follows:

Name and street address

William R. Crawford 227 Treasure Road Venice, Florida 34293

Maureen B. Crawford 227 Treasure Road Venice, Florida 34293

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Name and street address

William R. Crawford 227 Treasure Road Venice, Florida 3429

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator hereinbefore named, for the purpose of forming a corporation pursuant to the Florida Business Corporation Act, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this <u>10</u> day of April, 1997.

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· STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF SARASOTA

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day before me, an officer duly authorized in the State and County aforesaid to take acknowledgments, personally appeared WILLIAM R. CRAWFORD, who is personally known to me or has produced _____

as identification, to me known to be the person described in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation and he acknowledged before me that he executed the same for the purposes therein expressed.

WITNESS my hand and official seal this $\underline{\bigcirc}$ day of April, 1997.

MBergh Notary Public

My commission expires:

******** H R BERG JR Notary Public - Siute of Florida My Commission Expires Feb 29, 2000 Commission # CC 531966

HAVING BEEN NAMED AS REGISTERED AGENT AND TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THE FOREGOING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, I HEREBY ACCEPT THE APPOINTMENT AS REGISTERED AGENT AND AGREE TO 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.

Registered Agent

4-10-97 DATE:

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