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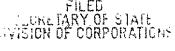
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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF



## INVESTMENT PROPERTIES TRUST, INC. 98 DEC 22 PM 1: 20 a Florida corporation

The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of a corporation under the Florida General Corporation Act, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation:

- 1. NAME: The name of the corporation is INVESTMENT PROPERTIES TRUST, INC. The principal office of said Corporation shall be 4500 U.S. Highway 92 East, Lot #225, Lakeland, Florida 33801, and the mailing address of said Corporation shall be the same.
  - 2. DURATION: The period of its duration is perpetual.
- 3. PURPOSE: The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any activities or business permitted under the laws of the United States and Florida.
- 4. CAPITAL STOCK: The corporation is authorized to issue 100,000 shares, all of one class, at \$1.00 par value.
- 5. INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT: The name and address of the initial registered agent and office of this corporation is as follows:

Byers P. Levy

4500 U.S. Highway 92 East Lot #225 Lakeland, Florida 33801

6. INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS: This corporation shall have eight (8) directors initially. The number of directors may either be increased or decreased from time to time by an amendment of the bylaws of the corporation in the manner provided by law, but shall never be less than three (3).

The name and address of the initial directors of this corporation are:

Michael Wnek

526 Hillside Drive

Auburndale, Florida 33823

**Byers Levy** 

4429 Arlington Park Drive Lakeland, Florida 33801

Marvin Knapp

2003 Shoreland Drive

Auburndale, Florida 33823

Randall Knapp

17 Casarena Court

Winter Haven, Florida 33881

Gerald W. Duke, Jr.

18420 N.W. 78th Avenue

Miami, Florida 33015

Danny Duke

2530 N.W. 174th Street

Miami, Florida 33015

John L. Maire, Jr.

13105 Coronado Lane

Miami, Florida 33181

Jere Carrick

140 Lost Lakes Drive Cocoa, Florida 32926

7. INITIAL OFFICERS: The initial officers of this corporation are:

President:

**Byers Levy** 

Vice President:

Michael Wnek

Vice President:

Marvin Knapp

Vice President:

Gerald W. Duke, Jr.

Vice President:

Danny Duke

Vice President:

John L. Maire, Jr.

Vice President:

Jere Carrick

Secretary/Treasurer:

Randall Knapp

8. INCORPORATOR: The name and address of the Incorporator signing these Articles of Incorporation is:

Randall Knapp

17 Casarena Court

Winter Haven, Florida 33881

- 9. CUMULATIVE VOTING: In any election of directors by the shareholders, each shareholder of record shall have the right to cumulate his shares and to give one candidate as many votes as the number of directors to be elected multiplied by the number of shares equals, or to distribute them on the same principle among as many candidates as he sees fit, provided however, that notice shall be given by any shareholder to the President or a Vice President of the corporation not less than twenty-four (24) hours before the time fixed for the holding of the meeting for the election of directors that he intends to cumulate his votes at such election. This right to vote cumulatively shall not be further restricted or qualified by any provision in the bylaws of this corporation.
- 10. PRE-EMPTIVE RIGHTS: Each shareholder of this corporation shall have the first right to purchase shares (and securities convertible into shares) of any class, kind or series of stock in this corporation that may from time to time be

issued (whether or not presently authorized), including shares from the treasury of this corporation, in the ratio that the number of shares he holds at the time of issue bears to the total number of shares outstanding, exclusive of treasury shares. This right shall be deemed waived by any shareholder who does not exercise it and pay for the shares pre-empted within thirty (30) days of receipt of a notice in writing from the corporation, stating the prices, terms and conditions of the issue of shares, and inviting him to exercise his pre-emptive rights. This right may also be waived by affirmative written waiver submitted by the shareholder to the corporation within thirty (30) days of receipt of notice from the corporation.

11. AMENDMENT OF ARTICLES: This corporation reserves the right to amend or appeal any provisions in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, and any right conferred upon the shareholders is subject to this reservation.

> RANDALL KNAPP Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF POLK

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, personally appeared RANDALL KNAPP, known to me to be the person who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged to me that he executed such instrument.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I hereunto set my hand and official seal this 215th day of December, 1998.

NOTARY PUBLIC, STATE OF

**FLORIDA** 

My Commission Expires Millian L. Brown

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## ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated Corporation at the place designated above, I hereby agree to act in this capacity and agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties.

BYERS LEVY

Registered Agent

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