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## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF FOUR J NURSERY, INC.

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#### <u>ARTICLE I - NAME</u>

The name of the corporation shall be:

#### FOUR J NURSERY, INC.

## ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the corporation are:

20301 SW 296<sup>th</sup> Street Homestead, Florida 33030

#### **ARTICLE III - DURATION**

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, and shall commence on the date of filing of these Articles with the Secretary of State of Florida.

### **ARTICLE IV - PURPOSE**

To operate a horticultural nursery enterprise for profit.

To purchase, take, own, hold, deal in, mortgage or otherwise lien, and to lease, sell, exchange, convey, transfer or in any manner whatever dispose of real property.

To purchase or otherwise acquire, hold, sell, assign, transfer, mortgage, pledge or otherwise dispose of, shares of the capital stock, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness created by other corporations while the holder of such stock to exercise all the rights and privileges of ownership including the right to vote thereon.

To enter into, make and perform contracts of every kind for any lawful purpose, with any person, firm, association, corporation, town, city, county, body politic, state, territory, government or colony or dependency thereof.

To borrow money for any of the purposes of the corporation and to draw, make, accept, endorse, execute, issue, sell, pledge or otherwise dispose of promissory notes, drafts, warrants, bonds, debentures and other negotiable or non-negotiable, transferable or non-transferable instruments and evidences of

indebtedness, and to secure the payment thereof and the interest thereof by mortgage or pledge, conveyance or assignment in trust of the whole or in any part of the property of the corporation at the time owned or thereafter acquired.

To purchase, hold, sell, and transfer the shares of its capital stock.

The objects and purposes specified herein shall be regarded as independent objects and purposes and except where otherwise expressed, shall be in no way limited or restricted by reference to or inference from the terms of any other clause or paragraph of the Certificate of Incorporation.

#### ARTICLE V - CAPITAL STRUCTURE

This corporation is authorized to issue one million (1,000,000) shares of One Dollar (\$1.00) par value common stock.

#### ARTICLE VI - INITIAL REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation shall be:

20301 SW 296<sup>th</sup> Street Homestead, Florida 33030

and the initial registered agent of this corporation at that address shall be:

John E. Kates, Jr. Four J Nursery, Inc.

#### ARTICLE VII - INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This corporation shall initially have four Directors. The number of Directors may be increased or decreased from time to time in the manner provided for in the Bylaws; but at no time shall there be less than one Director of this corporation. The names of the initial members of the Board of Directors are:

John E. Kates, Jr. John E. Kates, III Jeff A. Kates Jeanne Stone Kates

#### **ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR**

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

John E. Kates, Jr.

#### 20301 SW 296<sup>th</sup> Street Homestead, Florida 33030

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation in Homestead, Florida this <u>19</u> day of <u>Migust</u>, 1999.

JOHN E. KATES, JR., Incorporator

## **ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT**

Having been named as registered agent and designated to accept service of process for the above corporation, 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.

OHM E. KATES, JR.

DATE MG. 19, 1999

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