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**RAPID MORTGAGE DEPOT, INC.**

SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

Mark S. Pohlman  
801 West Bay Drive  
Suite 515  
Largo, Florida 33770

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November 29, 1999

Honorable Katherine Harris  
Secretary of State  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, Florida 32314

Dear Ms. Harris:

Enclosed you will find two copies of the Articles of Incorporation for RAPID MORTGAGE DEPOT, INC. In addition, you will find a check for \$70.00 (seventy dollars) to cover filing fees.

The return address for acknowledgment of acceptance of these Articles is at the office of the Incorporator: Mark S. Pohlman

801 West Bay Drive  
Suite 515  
Largo, FL 33770  
(813) 518-1096

If there are any questions, additional information, or requirements needed for filing, please contact Mark S. Pohlman.

Respectfully,



Mark S. Pohlman

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**OF**  
**RAPID MORTGAGE DEPOT, INC.**

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The undersigned subscriber to these Articles of Incorporation is a natural person competent to contract and hereby form a Corporation for profit under Chapter 607 of the Florida Statutes.

**ARTICLE 1 - NAME**

The name of the Corporation is **RAPID MORTGAGE DEPOT, INC.**,  
(hereafter, Corporation).

**ARTICLE 2 - PURPOSE OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall engage in any activity or business permitted under the laws of the United States and the State of Florida.

**ARTICLE 3 - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office of this corporation is 6263 Park Blvd., Pinellas Park, Florida 33781 and the mailing address is the same.

**ARTICLE 4 - INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of this Corporation is:

Mark S. Pohlman  
801 West Bay Drive, #515  
Largo, Florida 33770

## **ARTICLES 5 - OFFICERS**

The Officers of the Corporation shall be:

|                |                  |
|----------------|------------------|
| President      | George R. Miller |
| Vice-President | NAME             |
| Secretary      | George R. Miller |
| Treasurer      | George R. Miller |

The addresses of the officers shall be the same as the principal office of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 6 - DIRECTORS**

The initial director(s) of the Corporation shall be:

George R. Miller  
5570 61<sup>st</sup> Street N, Ste B  
St. Petersburg, Florida 33709

## **ARTICLE 7 - CORPORATE CAPITALIZATION**

7.1 The maximum number of shares that this Corporation is authorized to have outstanding at any time is **One Hundred Shares (100)** shares of common stock, each share having the par value of **ONE DOLLAR (\$1.00)**.

7.2 No holder of shares of stock of any class shall have any preemptive right to subscribe to or purchase and additional shares of any class, or any bonds or convertible securities of any nature; provided, however, that the Board of Directors(s) may, in authorizing the issuance of shares of stock of any class, confer any preemptive right that the Board of Director(s) may deem advisable in connection with such issuance.

7.3 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may authorize the issuance from time to time of shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, or securities convertible into shares of its stock of any class, whether now or hereafter authorized, for such consideration as the Board of Directors(s) may deem advisable, subject to such restrictions or limitations, if any as may be set forth in the bylaws of the Corporation.

7.4 The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation may, by Restated Articles of Incorporation, classify or reclassify any unissued stock from time to time by setting or changing the preferences, conversions, or other rights, voting powers, restrictions, limitations as to dividends.

## **ARTICLE 8 - SUB-CHAPTER S CORPORATION**

The Corporation may elect to be an S Corporation, as provided in Sub Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

8.1 The shareholders of this Corporation may elect and, and if elected, shall continue such election to be an S Corporation as provided in Sub-Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, unless the shareholders of the Corporation unanimously agree otherwise in writing.

8.2 After this Corporation has elected to be a S Corporation, none of the shareholders of this corporation, without the written consent of all the shareholders of this Corporation shall take any action, or make any transfer or other disposition of the shareholders' shares of stock in the Corporation, which will result in the termination or revocation of such election to be an S Corporation, as provided in Sub Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

8.3 Once the Corporation has elected to be an S Corporation, each share of stock issued by this Corporation shall contain the following implied legend:

"The shares of stock represented by any certificate cannot be transferred if such transfer would void the election of the Corporation to be taxed under Sub-Chapter S of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended."

## **ARTICLE 9 - SHAREHOLDERS' RESTRICTIVE AGREEMENT**

All of the shares of stock of this Corporation may be subject to a Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement containing numerous restrictions on the rights of shareholders of the Corporation and transferability of the shares of stock of the Corporation. A copy of the Shareholders' Restrictive Agreement, if any, is on file at the principal office of the Corporation.

## **ARTICLE 10 - POWERS OF CORPORATION**

The Corporation shall have the same powers as an individual to do all things necessary or convenient to carry out its business and affairs, subject to any limitations or restrictions imposed by applicable law or these Articles of Incorporation.

## **ARTICLE 11- TERM OF EXISTENCE**

This Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

## **ARTICLE 12 - REGISTERED OWNER (S)**

The corporation shall be empowered to treat the person in whose name any share or right is registered on the books of the Corporation as the owner thereto, for all purposes, and except as may be agreed in writing by the Corporation, the Corporation shall not be bound to recognize any equitable or other claim to, or interest in, such share or right on the part of any other person, whether or not the Corporation shall have notice thereof.

## **ARTICLE 13 - REGISTERED OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

The initial address of registered office of this Corporation is M.S. Pohlman, located at 801 West Bay Drive, Suite 515, Largo, Florida 33770. The name and address of the registered agent of this Corporation is Mark S. Pohlman, 801 West Bay Drive, Suite 515, Largo, Florida 33770.

## **ARTICLE 14 - BYLAWS**

The Board of Director(s) of the Corporation shall have power, without the assent or vote of the shareholders, to make, alter, amend or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the affirmative vote of a number of Director equal to a majority of the number who would constitute a full Board of Director(s) at the time such action shall be necessary to take any action for the making, alteration, amendment or repeal of the Bylaws.

## **ARTICLE 15 - EFFECTIVE DATE**

These Articles of Incorporation shall be effective immediately upon approval of the Secretary of State, State of Florida.

## **ARTICLE 16 - INDEMNIFICATION**

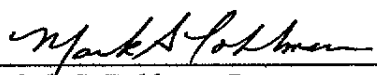
The Corporation shall indemnify a director or officer of the Corporation who was wholly successful, on the merits or otherwise, in the defense of any proceeding to which the director or officer was a party because the director or officer is or was a director or officer of the Corporation against attorney fees and expenses incurred by the director or officer in connection with the proceeding. The Corporation may indemnify an individual made a party to a proceeding because the individual is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation against liability if authorized in the specific case after determination, in the manner required by the Board of Director(s), that indemnification of the director, officer, employee or agent, as the case may be, is permissible in the circumstances because the director, officer, employee or agent has met the standard of conduct set forth by the Board of Director(s). The indemnification and advancement of attorney fees and expenses for directors, officers, employees, and agents of the

Corporation shall apply when such persons are serving at the Corporation's request while a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, as the case may be, as a director, partner, trustee, employee, agent of another foreign or domestic corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, employee benefit plan or other enterprise, whether or not for profit, as well as in their official capacity with the Corporation. The Corporation also may pay for or reimburse the reasonable attorney fees and expenses incurred by a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation who is a party to a proceeding in advance of final disposition of the proceeding. The Corporation also may purchase and maintain insurance on behalf of an individual arising from the individual's status as a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation, whether or not the Corporation would have power to indemnify the individual against the same liability under the law. All references in these Articles of Incorporation are deemed to include any amendment or successor thereto. Nothing contained in these Articles of Incorporation shall limit or preclude the exercise of any right relating to indemnification or advance of attorney fees and expenses to any person who is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the Corporation or the ability of the Corporation otherwise to indemnify or advance expenses to any such person by contract or in any other matter. If any word, clause or sentence of the foregoing provisions regarding indemnification or advancement of the attorney fees and expenses shall be held invalid as contrary to law or public policy, it shall be severable and the provisions remaining shall not be otherwise affected. All references in these Articles of Incorporation to "director", "officer", "employee" and "agent" shall include heirs, estates, executors, administrators and personal representatives of such persons.

### **ARTICLE 17 - AMENDMENT**

The Corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or in any amendment hereto, or to add any provision to these Articles of Incorporation or to any amendment hereto, in any manner now or hereafter prescribed or permitted by the provisions of any applicable statute of the State of Florida, and all rights conferred upon shareholders in these Articles of Incorporation or any amendment hereto are granted subject to this reservation.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal, acknowledged and filed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation under the laws of the State of Florida, this 29<sup>th</sup> day of NOVEMBER, 1999.

  
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Mark S. Pohlman, Incorporator

**ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED AGENT DESIGNATED**  
**IN ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Mark S. Pohlman, having a business office identical with the registered office of the Corporation named above, and having been designated as the Registered Agent in the above and foregoing Articles of Incorporation, is familiar with and accepts the obligations of the position of Registered Agent under the applicable provisions of the Florida Statutes.

  
Mark S. Pohlman

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