

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

\_\_\_\_\_ LIONS CLUB

### A NON-PROFIT CORPORATION

The undersigned incorporator(s), in order to form a non-profit corporation under the laws of the state of \_\_\_\_\_, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

ONE: The name of this corporation shall be: \_\_\_\_\_ LIONS CLUB

TWO: The principle place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be: \_\_\_\_\_

THREE: The specific purposes for which this corporation is organized are:

- A. To create and foster a spirit of understanding among the people of the world.
- B. To promote the principles of good government and good citizenship.
- C. To take an active interest in the civic, cultural, social and moral welfare of the community.
- D. To unite the clubs in the bonds of friendship, good fellowship and mutual understanding.
- E. To provide a forum for the open discussion of all matters of public interest; provided, however, that partisan politics and sectarian religion shall not be debated by club members.
- F. To encourage service-minded people to serve their community without personal financial reward, and to encourage efficiency and promote high ethical standards in commerce, industry, professions, public works and private endeavors.
- G. Generally to carry out at \_\_\_\_\_, the principles and teachings of the International Association of Lions Clubs, a service club organization with whom \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club is affiliated.

FOUR: The \_\_\_\_\_ Lions Club is chartered by, and under the jurisdiction of, the International Association of Lions Clubs of Oak Brook, Illinois and is governed by the Constitution and By-Laws of said Association.

FIVE: The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section \_\_\_\_\_ of \_\_\_\_\_ Statutes, unless limited as follows:

No additional limits.

**DISCLAIMER:** *These Sample Articles of Incorporation are for your information as an example only and are not intended to be used without legal review for compliance with local law.*

SIX: This corporation shall have no capital stock and shall not engage in business for profit, but shall be supported by gifts, bequests, benefits, contributions and fees and dues paid by members. Membership in the corporation shall be governed and controlled as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of this corporation.

No part of the earnings, income or receipts of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of or be distributed to any individual, member, or members of this corporation.

SEVEN: The officers by whom, and the manner in which the objects and purposes of the corporation shall be carried out, shall be as provided in the Constitution and By-Laws of this corporation.

EIGHT: These Articles of Incorporation may be amended as follows:

A. At any regular or special meeting of the Corporation, at which a quorum is present, by affirmative vote two-thirds of the members present and voting, providing the Board of Directors have previously considered the merits of the amendments.

B. No amendment shall be put to a vote unless written notice thereof stating the proposed amendment shall have been given to each member, by mail or personal delivery, at least two weeks prior to the meeting at which the vote on the proposed amendment is to be taken.

NINE: The name and street address of the initial registered agent of this corporation is:

INSERT ADDRESS

TEN: The names and the street address of the 3 initial directors and 3 incorporators are:

Directors:

Incorporators:

The undersigned incorporators have executed the Articles of Incorporation this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2007.

Signatures of Incorporators:

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