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SEPTEMBER 25, 1997

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2300 COUNTY CENTER DR., #221A
SANTA ROSA, CALIFORNIA 95403

RE: FIRE SAFE SONOMA INC.

- (X) The proposed Articles of Incorporation or Statement and Designation by Foreign Corporation form have been approved for filing. The documents (and fees, if submitted) have been placed in a pending file for a period of 60 days. The application for exemption from tax, together with the attachments thereto, have been sent to the Franchise Tax Board for processing.
- () The proposed Articles of Incorporation or Statement and Designation by Foreign Corporation form, have been approved for filing by the Secretary of State and a copy has been sent to the Franchise Tax Board. The documents (and fees, if submitted) have been placed in a pending file for a period of 60 days awaiting the granting of the required exemption letter.
- () The required Secretary of State filing fee for this document is \$30.00. Please remit the BALANCE DUE OF _____
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Sections 23153 and 23221, Revenue and Taxation Code, prohibit the filing of Articles of Incorporation or the Statement and Designation by Foreign Corporation form, until the exemption from payment of franchise tax has been granted, or the minimum franchise tax is paid.

The Franchise Tax Board will send a letter granting exemption from franchise tax, an inquiry requesting additional information, or a rejection of the application to the address indicated on the application. If exemption is granted, a copy of the letter will be sent to the Secretary of State for use in filing the pending documents.

ALL INQUIRIES REGARDING THE ISSUANCE OF THE TAX EXEMPTION MUST BE DIRECTED TO THE FRANCHISE TAX BOARD, SACRAMENTO, CA, ATTENTION: EXEMPT SECTION.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
FOR
FIRE SAFE SONOMA, INC.
A California Nonprofit

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In the office of the Secretary of State
of the State of California

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Bill Jones
BILL JONES, Secretary of State

I. NAME

The name of this corporation is Fire Safe Sonoma Inc.

II. PURPOSE

A. This corporation is a nonprofit public benefit corporation and is not organized for the private gain of any person. It is organized under the California Nonprofit Public Benefit Corporation Law for public purposes.

B. The specific purpose of this corporation is to provide education, exchange information and foster fire prevention and fire safety within Sonoma County.

III. INITIAL AGENT


The name and address in the State of California of this corporation's initial agent for service of process is:

Name: Vernon A. Losh II
Street Address: 2300 County Center Dr., Suite 221-A
City: Santa Rosa State: California Zip: 95403

IV. TAX STATUS

- A. This corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.
- B. No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to charitable purposes and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person. Upon the dissolution or winding up of the corporation, its assets remaining after payment, or provisions for payment, of all debts and liabilities of this corporation shall be distributed to a nonprofit fund, foundation or corporation which is organized and operated exclusively for charitable purposes and which has established its tax exempt status under Section 501(c)(3), Internal Revenue Code.



Vernon A. Losh II