

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Secretary of the Commonwealth
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Examiner

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RESTATED ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION
(General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7)

We, _____, *President / *Vice President,

and _____, *Clerk / *Assistant Clerk,

of _____,
(Exact name of corporation)

located at _____,
(Street address of corporation in Massachusetts)

do hereby certify that the following Restatement of the Articles of Organization was duly adopted at a meeting

held on _____, 20 _____, by a vote of: _____ members,

_____ directors, or _____ shareholders**,

- Being at least two-thirds of the members or directors legally qualified to vote in meetings of the corporation where there is no amendment to the Articles of Organization; OR
- Being at least two-thirds of its members legally qualified to vote in meetings of the corporation where there is an amendment to the Articles of Organization; OR
- Being at least two-thirds of its directors where there are no members pursuant to General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 3 and there is an amendment to the Articles of Organization; OR
- In the case of a corporation having capital stock, by the holders of at least two-thirds of the capital stock having the right to vote therein where there is an amendment to the Articles of Organization.

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**Delete the inapplicable words.*

***Check only one box that applies.*

Note: If the space provided under any article or item on this form is insufficient, additions shall be set forth on one side only of separate 8 1/2 x 11 sheets of paper with a left margin of at least 1 inch. Additions to more than one article may be made on a single sheet as long as each article requiring each addition is clearly indicated.

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ARTICLE I

The name of the corporation is:

ARTICLE II

The purpose of the corporation is to engage in the following activities:

ARTICLE III

A corporation may have one or more classes of members. If it does, the designation of such classes, the manner of election or appointments, the duration of membership and the qualification and rights, including voting rights, of the members of each class, may be set forth in the by-laws of the corporation or may be set forth below:

ARTICLE IV

**Other lawful provisions, if any, for the conduct and regulation of the business and affairs of the corporation, for its voluntary dissolution, or for limiting, defining, or regulating the powers of the corporation, or of its directors or members, or of any class of members, are as follows:

***If there are no provisions, state "None".*

Note: The preceding four (4) articles are considered to be permanent and may ONLY be changed by filing appropriate Articles of Amendment.

F.L.A.G. FLAG FOOTBALL, INC.

Purposes

The Corporation shall be organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes, including:

(a) To promote and educate the public about the sport of flag football in the greater Boston area especially to persons or groups who are traditionally under-represented including members of the gay, lesbian, bisexual and transgender community (the “GLBT community”);

(b) to foster and augment the self-respect of members of the GLBT community through the positive enjoyment of flag football and other community activities;

(c) through education and the promotion of sport, to refute traditional stereotypes against members of the GLBT community, increase diversity and tolerance within athletics, and engender respect and understanding within the larger community; and

(d) to engage in any lawful activity permitted to be conducted by a corporation organized under Chapter 180 of the General Laws of Massachusetts and exempt from tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

4. Other Lawful Provisions for Conduct and Regulation of the Business and Affairs of the Corporation, for its Voluntary Dissolution, and for Limiting, Defining and Regulating the Powers of the Corporation and of its Directors and Members (if any) or any class of Members.

4.1. The corporation shall have, in furtherance of its corporate purposes, all of the powers specified in Section 6 of Chapter 180 and in Sections 9 and 9A of Chapter 156B of the Massachusetts General Laws (except those provided in paragraph (m) of said Section 9) as now in force or as hereafter amended, and may carry on any operation or activity referred to in Article 2 to the same extent as might an individual, either alone or in a joint venture or other arrangement with others, or through a wholly or partly owned or controlled corporation; provided, however, that no such power shall be exercised in a manner inconsistent with said Chapter 180 or any other chapter of the Massachusetts General Laws or inconsistent with the exemption from federal income tax to which the corporation shall be entitled under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4.2. The directors may make, amend or repeal the by-laws in whole or in part.

4.3. Meetings of the directors (and meetings of any committees elected or appointed by the directors) may be held anywhere in the United States.

4.4. No director or officer of the corporation shall be personally liable to the corporation for monetary damages for breach of fiduciary duty as such director or officer notwithstanding any provision of law imposing such liability, except to the extent that such exemption from liability is not permitted under Chapter 180 of the Massachusetts General Laws.

4.5.(a) The corporation shall, to the extent legally permissible, indemnify each person who serves as one of its directors or officers, or who serves at its request as a director or officer of another organization or in a capacity with respect to any employee benefit plan (each such person being called in this Section 4.5 a "Person") against all liabilities and expenses, including amounts paid in satisfaction of judgments, in compromise or as fines and penalties, and counsel fees, reasonably incurred by such Person in connection with the defense or disposition of any action, suit or other proceeding, whether civil or criminal, in which such Person may be involved or with which such Person may be threatened, while in office or thereafter, by reason of being or having been such a Person, except with respect to any matter as to which such Person shall have been adjudicated in any proceeding not to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the corporation or, to the extent that such matter relates to service at the request of the corporation for another organization or an employee benefit plan, in the best interests of such organization or of the participants or beneficiaries of such employee benefit plan. Such best interests shall be deemed to be the best interests of the corporation for the purposes of this Section 4.5.

(b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, as to any matter disposed of by a compromise payment by any Person, pursuant to a consent decree or otherwise, no indemnification either for said payment or for any other expenses shall be provided unless such compromise shall be approved as in the best interests of the corporation, after notice that it involves such indemnification, (a) by a disinterested majority of the directors then in office; or (b) by a

majority of the disinterested directors then in office, provided that there has been obtained an opinion in writing of independent legal counsel to the effect that such Person appears to have acted in good faith in the reasonable belief that his or her action was in the best interests of the corporation.

(c) Expenses, including counsel fees, reasonably incurred by any Person in connection with the defense or disposition of any such action, suit or other proceeding may be paid from time to time by the corporation in advance of the final disposition thereof upon receipt of an undertaking by such Person to repay the amounts so paid if such Person ultimately shall be adjudicated to be not entitled to indemnification under this Section 4.5. Such an undertaking may be accepted without reference to the financial ability of such Person to make repayment.

(d) The right of indemnification hereby provided shall not be exclusive. Nothing contained in this Section shall affect any other rights to indemnification to which any Person or other corporate personnel may be entitled by contract or otherwise under law.

(e) As used in this Section 4.5, the term "Person" includes such Person's respective heirs, executors and administrators, and a "disinterested" director or officer is one against whom in such capacity the proceeding in question, or another proceeding on the same or similar grounds, is not then pending.

4.6.(a) No person shall be disqualified from holding any office by reason of any interest. In the absence of fraud, any director or officer of this corporation, or any concern in which any such director or officer has any interest, may be a party to, or may be pecuniarily or otherwise interested in, any contract, act or other transaction (collectively called a "transaction") of this corporation, and

(1) such transaction shall not be in any way invalidated or otherwise affected by that fact; and

(2) no such director, officer or concern shall be liable to account to this corporation for any profit or benefit realized through any such transaction;

provided, however, that such transaction either was fair at the time it was entered into or is authorized or ratified by a majority of the directors who are not so interested and to whom the nature of such interest has been disclosed. No interested director of this corporation may vote or may be counted in determining the existence of a quorum at any meeting at which such transaction shall be authorized, but may participate in discussion thereof.

(b) For purposes of this Section 4.6, the term "interest" shall include personal interest and also interest as a director, officer, stockholder, shareholder, overseer, member or beneficiary of any concern; and the term "concern" shall mean any corporation, association, trust, partnership, firm, person or other entity other than this corporation.

(c) No transaction shall be voided by reason of any provisions of this Section 4.6 which would be valid but for such provisions.

4.7. No part of the assets or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any officer or director of the corporation or any individual; no substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting, to influence legislation except to the extent permitted by Section 501(h) of the Internal Revenue Code; and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distributing of statements), any political campaign on behalf of (or in opposition to) any candidate for public office. It is intended that the corporation shall be entitled to exemption from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and shall not be a private foundation under Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4.8. If and so long as the corporation is a private foundation (as that term is defined in Section 509 of the Internal Revenue Code), then notwithstanding any other provisions of the articles of organization or the by-laws of the corporation, the following provisions shall apply:

- A) the income of the corporation for each taxable year shall be distributed at such time and in such manner as not to subject the corporation to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, and
- B) the corporation shall not engage in any act of self dealing (as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code), nor retain any excess business holdings (as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code), nor make any investments in such manner as to subject the corporation to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, nor make any taxable expenditures (as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code).

4.9. Upon the liquidation or dissolution of the corporation, after payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation or due provision therefor, all of the assets of the corporation shall be disposed of to one or more organizations exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

4.10. The corporation shall not discriminate in administering its policies and programs or in the employment of its personnel on the basis of race, color, religion, national or ethnic origin, sex, handicap or otherwise.

4.11. All references herein: (i) to the Internal Revenue Code shall be deemed to refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as now in force or hereafter amended; (ii) to the General Laws of The Commonwealth of Massachusetts, or any chapter thereof, shall be deemed to refer to said General Laws or chapter as now in force or hereafter amended; and (iii) to particular sections of the Internal Revenue Code or said General Laws shall be deemed to refer to similar or successor provisions hereafter adopted.

ARTICLE V

The effective date of the Restated Articles of Organization of the corporation shall be the date approved and filed by the Secretary of the Commonwealth. If a *later* effective date is desired, specify such date which shall not be more than thirty days after the date of filing.

ARTICLE VI

The information contained in Article VI is not a permanent part of the Articles of Organization.

a. The street address (post office boxes are not acceptable) of the principal office of the corporation *in Massachusetts* is:

b. The name, residential address and post office address of each director and officer of the corporation is as follows:

	NAME	RESIDENTIAL ADDRESS	POST OFFICE ADDRESS
President:			
Treasurer:			
Clerk:			
Directors: (or officers having the powers of directors)			

c. The fiscal year of the corporation shall end on the last day of the month of:

d. The name and business address of the resident agent, if any, of the corporation is:

****We further certify that the foregoing Restated Articles of Organization affect no amendments to the Articles of Organization of the corporation as heretofore amended, except amendments to the following articles. Briefly describe amendments below:**

SIGNED UNDER THE PENALTIES OF PERJURY, this _____ day of _____, 20_____,

_____, *President / *Vice President,

_____, *Clerk / *Assistant Clerk.

**Delete the inapplicable words.*

***If there are no such amendments, state "None".*

THE COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

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(General Laws, Chapter 180, Section 7)

I hereby approve the within Restated Articles of Organization and,
the filing fee in the amount of \$ _____ having been paid, said
articles are deemed to have been filed with me this _____ day of
_____, 20 _____.

Effective Date: _____

WILLIAM FRANCIS GALVIN
Secretary of the Commonwealth

TO BE FILLED IN BY CORPORATION
Contact information:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

A copy this filing will be available on-line at www.state.ma.us/sec/cor once
the document is filed.