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CHARTER NONPROFIT CORPORATION (ss-4418)



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The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a nonprofit corporation under the provisions of the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act, adopt the following Articles of Incorporation.

1. The name of the corporation is: Freedom From Religion Foundation - East Tennessee

2. Name Consent: (Written Consent for Use of Indistinguishable Name)
 This entity name already exists in Tennessee and has received name consent from the existing entity.

3. This company has the additional designation of: FFRF - East Tennessee

4. The name and complete address of the initial registered agent and office located in the state of Tennessee is:
Name: Aleta Ledendecker
Address: 2123 Stonybrook Rd.
City: Louisville State: TN Zip Code: 37777 County: Blount

5. Fiscal Year Close Month: December Period of Duration: Perpetual Other _____
Month Day Year

6. If the document is not to be effective upon filing by the Secretary of State, the delayed effective date and time is:
(Not to exceed 90 days) Effective Date: _____ Time: _____
Month Day Year

7. The corporation is not for profit.

8. Please complete all of the following sentences by checking one of the two boxes in each sentence:
This corporation is a public benefit corporation / mutual benefit corporation.
This corporation is a religious corporation / not a religious corporation.
This corporation will have members / not have members.

9. The complete address of its principal executive office is:
Address: 2123 Stonybrook Rd
City: Louisville State: TN Zip Code: 37777 County: Blount

***Note: Pursuant to T.C.A. §10-7-503 all information on this form is public record.**

Submitter Information: Name: Aleta Ledendecker Phone #: (865) 982-8687

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The name of the corporation is: Freedom From Religion Foundation - East Tennessee

10. The complete mailing address of the entity (if different from the principal office) is:

Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

11. List the name and complete address of each incorporator:

Name	Business Address	City, State, Zip
<u>Aleta Ledendecker</u>	<u>2123 Stonybrook Rd</u>	<u>Louisville, TN</u>

12. School Organization: (required if the additional designation of "School Organization - Exempt" is entered in section 3.)

I certify that pursuant to T.C.A. §49-2-611, this nonprofit corporation is exempt from the \$100 filing fee required by §48-51-303(a)(1).
This nonprofit corporation is a "school support organization" as defined in T.C.A §49-2-603(4)(A).
This nonprofit corporation is an educational institution as defined in T.C.A. §48-101-502(b).

13. Insert here the provisions regarding the distribution of assets upon dissolution:

See Article 7 of Other Provisions below... Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation to the Freedom From Religion Other Provisions: **See Attached** (Dissolution paragraph continued from block 13... Foundation, provided that it continues to be recognized as an organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. If it cannot accept the assets, the distribution shall be made to such organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or to a State or a political subdivision of a State as defined in section 170(c)(1) of the Code.

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August 4, 2016
Signature Date

Aleta Ledendecker
Incorporator's Signature

Aleta Ledendecker
Incorporator's Name (printed or typed)

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
of
FREEDOM OF RELIGION FOUNDATION - EAST TENNESSEE

For the purpose of forming a corporation under the Tennessee Nonprofit Corporation Act,
the undersigned executes the following Articles of Incorporation:

ARTICLE 1
NAME

The name of the Corporation is "**Freedom From Religion Foundation - East Tennessee**" or "**FFRF - East Tennessee**," hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation."

ARTICLE 2
EXISTENCE

The Corporation is created as a nonprofit, nonstock Tennessee corporation under Title 48, Chapters 51-68, of the Tennessee Code Annotated. The period of the Corporation's existence is perpetual.

ARTICLE 3
PURPOSES

3.1 The Corporation is organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes under 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code. The specific purposes shall include to promote nontheism and defend the constitutional separation between religion and government.

3.2 The Corporation is expressly prohibited from engaging in any activity that would be inconsistent with the status of an educational and charitable organization as defined in Section 501(c)(3) of the Code.

ARTICLE 4
POWERS

The Corporation has all powers now or in the future given by law to nonstock corporations organized under the laws of Tennessee; provided, however, that such powers may be exercised only to further the purposes stated in Article 3 above, and further provided that:

4.1 No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation is authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 above;

4.2 No substantial part of the activities of the organization shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation;

4.3 The Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office; and,

4.4 Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Code.

ARTICLE 5
MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall not have members.

ARTICLE 6
BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The method of electing Directors of the Corporation shall be stated in the Bylaws of the Corporation. The number of Directors shall be fixed by the Bylaws of the Corporation, but the number of Directors shall not be fewer than three.

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**ARTICLE 7
DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the Corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after paying or making provisions for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, dispose of all of the assets of the Corporation to the Freedom From Religion Foundation, provided that it continues to be recognized as an organization that is exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Code. If it cannot accept the assets, the distribution shall be made to such organization or organizations that are organized and operated exclusively for exempt purposes under section 501(c)(3) of the Code, or corresponding provisions of any subsequent federal tax laws, or to a State or a political subdivision of a State as defined in section 170(c)(1) of the Code.

**ARTICLE 8
PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND REGISTERED AGENT**

- 8.1 The mailing address of the principal office of the Corporation is:
2123 Stonybrook Rd. Louisville, TN 37777
- 8.2 The name and address of the registered agent is:
Aleta Ledendecker, 2123 Stonybrook Rd. Louisville, TN 37777

**ARTICLE 9
AMENDMENT**

These articles may be amended in the manner authorized by law at the time of the amendment.

**ARTICLE 10
INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator, who is older than eighteen years, is:

Aleta Ledendecker, 2123 Stonybrook Rd. Louisville, TN 37777

Executed this 4 day of August, 2016.

By: Aleta Ledendecker