HAINES ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

Article I: Name of Corporation

Haines Economic Development Corporation

Article II: Purpose of Corporation

Haines Economic Development Corporation (“HEDC”) is organized and operated exclusively for the purpose of lessening the burdens on government and may for such purposes, make distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Work to realize community economic development goals set from time to time by the HEDC or the Haines Borough Comprehensive Plan through programs designed to

* Research economic conditions and disseminate information relating to those conditions, economic activities and issues;
* Represent local economic development issues and interests at appropriate conferences, meetings, and seminars;
* Nurture educational opportunity in science and technology to support entrepreneurs engaged in development of products and services dependent on our natural resources;
* Assist and nurture businesses and entrepreneurs in the development and growth of business activity;
* Increase the purchase of locally available goods and services by local consumers and businesses;
* Retain and increase the number of private sector basic industry employers in Haines;
* Promote the Haines Borough as a site for business to develop and grow in a manner compatible with both use and enjoyment of natural surroundings and resources;
* Create a regulatory climate that encourages economic growth; and
* Coordinate the activities of economic development advocates and government agencies.

No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the promotion of propaganda, lobbying in excess of nontaxable amounts as described in IRS Code 4911 or any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office including the publishing or distribution of statements.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

NAICS Code 926110: Administration of General Economic Programs

Article III: Registered Agent

Haines Chamber of Commerce

PO Box 1449

219 Main Street, Suite 14

Haines, AK 99827

Article IV: Directors

The initial Board of Directors shall be composed of these natural persons at least 19 years of age until their successors are appointed as provided in the Bylaws:

(1) Edwards, Jessica

(2) Gaffney, Sean

(3) Gray, Kyle

(4) Olerud, Douglas

(5) Ryan, Brad

(6) Shade, Heather

(7) Ward, Mike

The Mayor of the Haines Borough, a Haines Borough Assembly member liaison and the President of the Chilkoot Indian Association may be seated ex-officio as provided in the Bylaws.

Article V: Stock & Distributions

The corporation shall be nonstock, and no dividends or pecuniary profits shall be declared or paid to directors, officers or members. 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 shall be 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 II.

Article VI: Distribution of Assets upon Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, the Board of Directors shall, after making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the corporation, dispose of all the assets of the corporation exclusively for the purposes of the corporation, or to organizations operating in the community as qualified exempt organizations organized under Section 501(c)3 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law) for public purposes as the Board of Directors shall determine.

Article VII: Incorporators

Sean Gaffney, PO Box 1206, Haines, AK

Michael Ganey, PO Box 769, Haines, AK

Kyle Gray, PO Box 70, Haines, AK

John Hagen, PO Box 262, Haines, AK

William Kurz, PO Box 1363, Haines, AK

Heather Shade, PO Box 1248, Haines, AK

Scott Sundberg, PO Box 1426, Haines, AK

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned natural persons at least 19 years of age have executed these articles of incorporation on the 10th day of October, 2016.

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STATE OF ALASKA )

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FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT )

THIS CERTIFIES that on this 10th day of October, 2016, before me, a Notary Public in and for the State of Alaska, personally appeared Sean Gaffney, Michael Ganey, Kyle Gray, John Hagen, William Kurz, Heather Shade and Scott Sundberg, to me known, and who acknowledged to me that they are the incorporators of the Haines Economic Development Corporation.

WITNESS my hand and official seal the day and year in this certificate first above written.

My commission expires: