

# Policy Example: Articles of Incorporation

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## **Twin Oaks**

Incorporating those changes made 21 July 1989, 3 October 1986, and December 1996.

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### ARTICLE I

The name of the Corporation is TWIN OAKS COMMUNITY, INCORPORATED.

### ARTICLE II

In order that the residents of Twin Oaks may achieve and preserve a clearer perception of community and realize a more pure and unfettered unity of spirit, the Corporation is organized for the following apostolic and communal purposes: the Corporation shall form and become a self-contained intentional community, having a common treasury and providing for its members and for persons who wish to become members an environment in which they may live in harmony with nature and their fellow humans, a community designed and maintained according to principles of harmony and love. In furtherance of these purposes the community shall endeavor to: eliminate hierarchical relationships between people; promote the practice of non-violence in personal, interpersonal, and political relationships; respect and preserve the natural environment for the use of all species, now and in the future; eliminate classism, racism, ageism, patriarchy, and other forms of oppression, both within and outside of the community; practice community of property, with all those in the community sharing what they are, have, and can produce with one another.

The Corporation shall not conduct or carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt under Section 501(d) of the Internal Revenue Code and its Regulations as now in force or as hereafter amended.

The Corporation shall have no capital stock and shall have two classes of members, designated as full and provisional. Individuals shall be admitted to provisional membership upon application made to and approval by the Board of Directors upon determination by it, in accordance with such procedures [adopted by it for such purpose] as are set forth in the bylaws, that the applicant is acceptable and desirable to the purposes of the Corporation. Provisional members may become full members after a six-month provisional membership period, by admission to full membership by the Board of Directors in accordance with such procedures as are [adopted by it for such purpose] set forth in the bylaws.

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