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ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION OF PADUCAH INTERNET EXCHANGE

Article I: Name

The name of the organization shall be Paducah Internet Exchange Inc.

Article II: Purpose

Paducah Internet Exchange is organized exclusively for charitable, educational, and scientific purposes under section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

The primary purpose for which this organization is formed consists of the following:

- A. To support and enhance the development and maintenance of direct communication links for the efficient transfer of educational, scientific, medical, and diverse information through both physical and Internet Protocol interconnections among members and with other Internet Service Providers and Enterprise Network Operators.
- B. To engage in all lawful activities necessary or beneficial for achieving these goals, either independently or in collaboration with various entities, including corporations, associations, foundations, or government agencies.
- C. To ensure that all activities align with the regulations applicable to organizations exempt under §501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, avoiding any prohibited operations.

Powers: Within legal limits and as defined by its Articles of Organization and Operating Agreement, the Company shall possess all powers granted to a non-profit limited liability company in Kentucky. This includes powers currently established by law, those necessary or incidental to the conferred powers, and any conducive to achieving the Company's stated purposes.

Article III: Duration

The duration of the corporate existence shall be perpetual.

Article IV: Principal Office

The principal office of the corporation in the State of Kentucky shall be located in the City of Paducah at 1212 Helen Street, Paducah, KY 42001. The corporation may have such other offices, either within or without the State of Kentucky, as the business of the corporation may require from time to time.

Article V: Registered Agent

The registered agent of the corporation shall be Preston Louis Ursini, located at 1212 Helen Street Paducah, Kentucky.

Article VI: Members

The corporation shall have members. The eligibility, rights, and obligations of the members will be determined as per the bylaws of the corporation.

Article VII: Board of Directors

The management of the affairs of the corporation shall be vested in a Board of Directors, as defined by the bylaws. The initial number of Directors shall be five (5) and shall be as follows:

- Preston Louis Ursini
 - 1212 Helen Street - Paducah KY 42001-2200
- Jason Lane
 - 1212 Helen Street - Paducah KY 42001-2200
- Chris Gapske
 - 1212 Helen Street - Paducah KY 42001-2200
- Billy (B.J.) Lampley
 - 1212 Helen Street - Paducah KY 42001-2200
- Jeff Clay
 - 1212 Helen Street - Paducah KY 42001-2200

The Company's operations and activities will be overseen and directed by the Board of Directors. Each director has equal voting rights and privileges, unless specified otherwise in the bylaws. The Board of Directors holds the authority to adopt, modify, or repeal the bylaws during any regular or specially convened meeting, provided that these changes are in harmony with the Articles' stipulations. The Board of Directors shall have the power to delegate authority to specific director and/or committees for the conducting of regular operations. A Quorum of over 50% majority of members shall be required for any meeting.

Article VIII: Non-Profit Operation

The corporation shall be operated exclusively for non-profit purposes, and no part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual.

Article IX: Dissolution

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(12) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose.

Article X: Amendments

These Articles of Organization may be altered, amended, or repealed, and new Articles may be adopted by the vote of the majority of the Board of Directors then in office.

Article XI: Incorporator

The name and address of the incorporator of the corporation are as follows:

Name: Preston Louis Ursini

Address: 1212 Helen Street Paducah, KY 42001

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the incorporator hereinbefore named, has executed these Articles of Organization on this 29th day of August, 2024.



Preston Louis Ursini

Consent of Registered Agent

Acknowledgment and Acceptance of Duties.

By signing below, the registered agent acknowledges and accepts the duties associated with the role, including the responsibility to forward any process, notice, or demand that is served on the agent to the corporation in a timely manner.



Preston Louis Ursini