

**ARTICLE I. CORPORATE EXISTENCE, FORM OF GOVERNMENT, BOUNDARY AND POWERS**

**Section 1.1 Corporate Existence.**

A municipal corporation known as the Town of Miami Lakes (the "Town") is hereby created pursuant to the Constitution of the State of Florida (the "State") and the Home Rule Charter of Miami-Dade County (the "County"). The corporate existence of the Town shall commence upon the adoption of this Charter.

**Section 1.2 Form of Government.**

The Town shall have a "Mayor-Council-Manager" form of government.

**Section 1.3 Corporate Boundary.**

The corporate boundaries of the Town are set forth in the document entitled "Town of Miami Lakes, Legal Description" dated July 21, 2000 which shall be on file in the Office of the Town Clerk (the "Legal Description"). The corporate boundaries of the Town are generally described as follows and shown on the following map (the "Map"). In case of a conflict between the Legal Description, the Map and this Charter, the Legal Description shall govern.

Northern Boundary:	State Road 826 (Palmetto Expressway) between NW 57 Avenue and NW 77 <sup>th</sup> Ave., and NW 170 Street between NW 77 <sup>th</sup> Court and Interstate 75
Eastern Boundary:	NW 57 Avenue (Red Road)
Southern Boundary:	The City of Hialeah
Western Boundary:	Interstate 75

**[SEE MAP ON THE FOLLOWING PAGE]**



**Section 1.4 Powers.**

The Town shall have all available governmental, corporate and proprietary powers and may exercise them except when prohibited by law. Through the adoption of this Charter, it is the intent of the electors of the Town to grant to the municipal government established by this Charter the broadest exercise of home rule powers permitted under the Constitution and laws of the State.

**Section 1.5 Construction.**

This Charter and the powers of the Town shall be construed liberally in favor of the Town.