

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A NONSTOCK CORPORATION

(See instructions on reverse side.)

FIRST: The undersigned _____

whose address is _____

_____, being at least eighteen years of age, do(es) hereby form a corporation under the laws of the State of Maryland.

SECOND: The name of the corporation is _____

THIRD: The purposes for which the corporation is formed are as follows: _____

FOURTH: The post office address of the principal office of the corporation in Maryland is _____

FIFTH: The name and post office address of the resident agent of the corporation in Maryland are _____

SIXTH: The corporation has no authority to issue capital stock.

SEVENTH: The number of directors of the corporation shall be _____ which number may be increased or decreased pursuant to the bylaws of the corporation. The name(s) of the director(s) who shall act until the first meeting or until their successors are duly chosen and qualified is/are _____

EIGHTH: _____

NINTH: IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have signed these Articles and acknowledge the same to be my act.

RETURN TO:

SIGNATURE(S)

GUIDELINES FOR DRAFTING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR A "NONSTOCK" CORPORATION

(See form on reverse side.)

This type of corporation would be most appropriate for one or more individuals engaged in a nonprofit enterprise.

This guide is to be used for "Articles of Incorporation for a NONSTOCK Corporation." Each item describes how to fill a blank in the sample. The sample is the minimum necessary to incorporate. If you wish to expand on any item consult with your lawyer, accountant or financial advisor. Legal questions of a general nature cannot be answered by the staff of this Department.

You may fill in the blanks on the sample and submit it as your Articles of Incorporation. All items must be typed. Forms filled in by hand will not be accepted.

- FIRST:** Insert the names and addresses of the individuals who are incorporating. One or more individuals can act as incorporators. The only requirement is that they be at least 18 years old. The address should be one where mail can be received. It can be anywhere, even a foreign county.
- SECOND:** Insert the corporate name. The corporate name must contain "Corporation," "Incorporated," "Limited," "Inc.," "Corp.," or "Ltd." The name cannot be misleadingly similar to a name already on record in Maryland. You may call 225-1330 for a non-binding check for name availability. Acceptance of a name guarantees only that the corporation will have that name. It does not mean you cannot be sued for trade name or trade mark infringement. For more information on this consult your attorney.
- THIRD:** Give a one or two sentence description of the business of the corporation.
- FOURTH:** Insert the address of the principal place of business. It must be a specific address in Maryland and must include street, city and zip code. It cannot be a post office box.
- FIFTH:** This is the name and address of an agent designated to accept service of process if the corporation is summoned to court for any reason. The agent must be either an adult citizen of Maryland or another existing Maryland corporation. The address must include the street, city and zip code. The address must be in Maryland and cannot be a post office box. A corporation cannot act as its own resident agent.
- SIXTH:** None
- SEVENTH:** Insert the name of at least one adult. This individual does not have to be a resident of Maryland.
- EIGHTH:** Insert any provisions you desire. If you intend to obtain tax exempt status this would be the appropriate place for language required by the Internal Revenue Service. If more space is required, type "See Attached" and attach any additional pages to the back of the document.
- SIGNATURE(S):** Have all the individuals named in FIRST sign here. It must be the original (no xerox, stamp or carbon) signatures of all the people listed in First and no one else may sign here. No witness or notary is required.
- RETURN TO:** State where the receipt, certified copies, certificates of status and the original articles are to be sent.

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The fee to file Articles of Incorporation is \$