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INSTRUCTIONS

- Include the filing fee.
- Make check or money order payable to Ohio Secretary of State.
- Print on single-sided 8 ½ x 11 paper.
- Double sided paper will be rejected.
- Information must be typed.
- Illegible forms will be rejected

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P.O. Box 670
Columbus, OH 43216

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Initial Articles of Incorporation for a Cooperative Association

Filing Fee: $99

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Form Must Be Typed

First:

Name of Association

Association name must include one of the following: "cooperative," coop," "co-operative," "co-op," "association," "assn," "company," "co.," "incorporated," "inc.," "corporation," or "corp."

Second: Purpose for which association is formed

Third: Location of Principal Office in Ohio

City

OH

State

County

OR

Location of Principal Office if located outside of Ohio

City

State

County

Fourth: Names and Addresses of Incorporators (Note: Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 1729.06, there must be two or more incorporators.)

Name | Address

Name | Address

Name | Address

Fifth: Check one of the following:

☐ The association will have a certain number of directors. (Please provide the number of directors.)

☐ The number of directors of the association will be specified in the bylaws.

Sixth: Names and Addresses of those who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of members or until the election and qualification of their successors.

Name | Address

Name | Address

Name | Address

Seventh: Is the association being organized with or without capital stock? Please check one of the following and provide the required information.

☐ With capital stock

Total Amount of Stock | Number of Shares | Par Value of Shares

Dividend Rights, if any:

Please attach additional share information if required by ORC 1729.07 (A)(7).

☐ Without capital stock

Set forth the general rules by which the property rights and interests of each member are to be determined:

****Note for Nonprofit Corporations**: The Secretary of State does not grant tax exempt status. Filing with our office is not sufficient to obtain state or federal tax exemptions. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that the nonprofit corporation secures the proper state and federal tax exemptions. These agencies may require that a purpose clause be provided.

****Note:** ORC Chapter 1729 allows for additional provisions to be included in the Articles of Incorporation that are filed with this office. If including any of these additional provisions, please do so by including them in an attachment to this form.

Original Appointment of Statutory Agent

The undersigned, being at least a majority of the incorporators of

(Name of Corporation)

hereby appoint the following to be Statutory Agent upon whom any process, notice or demand required or permitted by statute to be served upon the corporation may be served. The complete address of the agent is:

(Name of Statutory Agent)

(Agent Address - Post office boxes and CMRAs are **NOT** allowed. See instructions for details.)

(City) OH (State) (ZIP Code)

Must be signed by the incorporators or a majority of the incorporators.

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Signature)

Acceptance of Appointment

The Undersigned, , named herein as the

(Name of Statutory Agent)

Statutory agent for

(Name of Corporation)

hereby acknowledges and accepts the appointment of statutory agent for said corporation.

Statutory Agent Signature

(Individual Agent's Signature / Signature on Behalf of Business Serving as Agent)

By signing and submitting this form to the Ohio Secretary of State, the undersigned hereby certifies that he or she has the requisite authority to execute this document.

Required

Until this filing is approved, this business entity does not legally exist, therefore, the entity cannot be the signer of this document.

If the incorporator is an individual, then they must sign in the "signature" box and print his/her name in the "Print Name" box.

If the incorporator is a business entity, not an individual, then please print the entity name in the "signature" box, an authorized representative of the entity must sign in the "By" box and print his/her name and title/authority in the "Print Name" box.

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

Signature

By (if applicable)

Print Name

Initial Articles of Incorporation for a Cooperative Association

This form should be used if you wish to file articles of incorporation to form a Cooperative Association under Ohio Revised Code (O.R.C.) Chapter 1729.

Name of Association
As set forth in O.R.C. §1729.04, the name must include at least one of the following words or abbreviations: “cooperative,” “coop,” “co-operative,” “co-op,” “association,” “assn.,” “company” “co.” “incorporated,” “inc.,” “corporation” or “corp.”

Purpose
Pursuant to O.R.C. §1729.07(A)(2), a cooperative association must provide a purpose in the articles. It is sufficient to state in the articles that the association may engage in any activity within the purposes for which associations may be organized under O.R.C. Chapter 1729. **Note:** The Secretary of State does not grant tax exempt status. Filing with our office is not sufficient to obtain state or federal tax exemptions. Contact the Ohio Department of Taxation and the Internal Revenue Service to ensure that the nonprofit corporation secures the proper state and federal tax exemptions. These agencies may require that a purpose clause be provided.

Principal Office Location
Please provide the address of the principal office.

Incorporators
Please provide the names and addresses of the incorporators. ORC § 1729.06 states that there must be at least two incorporators to form a cooperative association. If there are more than three incorporators, please attach the additional names and addresses to the form.

Initial Directors
The articles must state the number of its directors or a statement that the number of directors shall be specified in the bylaws.

Please provide the names and addresses of those who are to serve as directors until the first meeting of members or until the election and qualification of their successors.

Capital Stock
If the association is organized without capital stock, the articles must set forth the general rules by which the property rights and interests of each member are to be determined. If the association is organized with capital stock, please provide the total amount of the stock, the number and par value of the shares, and dividend rights, if any. If there is more than one class of stock, the articles shall set forth a statement of the number of shares in each class and a statement of the designations, preferences, rights, and limitations of the shares in each class. If the corporation is authorized to issue shares of capital stock an additional see may be required pursuant to ORC 111.16 (A)(2).

Additional Provisions
If the information you wish to provide for the record does not fit on the form, please attach additional provisions on a single-sided, 8 ½ x 11 sheet(s) of paper.

Appointment of Agent - O.R.C. 1729.06
Ohio business entities and foreign business entities that are registered or licensed in Ohio must appoint and maintain a statutory agent to accept service of process. The statutory agent must be one of the following: (1) A natural person residing in Ohio; or (2) a domestic or foreign business entity with an Ohio address.

Statutory Agent Address Requirements
A statutory agent address may either be the primary residence address of the agent or the usual place of business address. The statutory agent address must be an Ohio address.

Statutory Agent Address Prohibitions
Post Office (P.O.) boxes are **NOT** allowed.
Exception: If a Post Office Box and Rural Route Number are both provided, the address is allowed.

Commercial Mail Receiving Agency (CMRA) addresses are **NOT** allowed. A CMRA is a private business that rents private mailboxes to customers.

Acceptance of Appointment
The statutory agent must sign the Acceptance of Appointment.

Signature(s) - Required
After completing all information on the filing form, please make sure that page 3 is signed by the incorporator(s). Articles and original appointment of agent must be signed by the incorporator(s).

Until this filing is approved, this business entity does not legally exist, therefore, the entity cannot be the signer of the document. The name of the person authorizing the submission of the form can be an individual or a business entity, but if the signer is a business entity, then it cannot be the same business name as the new entity being created by filing this form.

If the incorporator is an individual, then they must sign in the "signature" field and print (type) his/her name in the "Print Name" field.

If the incorporator is another business entity, not an individual, then please print (type) the entity name in the "signature" field, an authorized representative of the business entity must sign in the "By" field and print (type) his/her name and title/authority in the "Print Name" field.

A typed name signifies an "intent to sign" which is acceptable.

Note

Our office cannot file or record a document which contains a Social Security number or tax identification number. Please do not enter this information in any format on this form.