

**WEST VIRGINIA  
ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Form CD-1  
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**West Virginia Secretary of State**  
Business & Licensing Division  
Tel: (304)558-8000  
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Website: [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov)

**FILE ONE ORIGINAL**  
(Two if you want a filed stamped  
copy returned to you.)

**FILING FEE: \$100 (profit) \*Effective July 7, 2017 per WV Code §59-1-2.  
\$25 (non-profit)**

**\*\* Fee Waived for Veteran-owned and Young Entrepreneur corporation**

Control # \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*\*\* The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) according to the West Virginia Code §31D-2-202, adopt the \*\*\*\*  
following Articles of Incorporation for a West Virginia Domestic Corporation, which shall be perpetual.**

1. The **name** of the **West Virginia corporation** shall be:  
[See **Section 1.** of the attached instructions pertaining to name requirements. This name is your official name and must be used in its entirety when in use unless a Trade Name (DBA) is registered with the Office of the Secretary of State, according to Chapter 47-8 of the West Virginia Code.] \_\_\_\_\_

**CHECK BOX to indicate you've included one of the REQUIRED CORPORATE NAME ENDINGS (See instructions for name endings).**

2. The **address** of the **principal office** of the corporation will be:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Located in the **County** of (required):

County: \_\_\_\_\_

The **mailing address** of the above location, if different, will be:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

3. The **physical address** (not a PO Box) of the **principal place of business** in West Virginia, if any:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Located in the **County** of:

County: \_\_\_\_\_

The **mailing address** of the above location, if different, will be:

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

4. The name and address of the **person (agent) to whom notice of process** may be sent, if any, will be:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Street: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

5. **E-mail address** where business correspondence may be received: \_\_\_\_\_

6. **Website address** of the business, if any (ex: *yourdomainname.com*): \_\_\_\_\_

7. Do you **own or operate more than one business in West Virginia?**  **Yes** \* *Answer a. and b. below.*  **No**  **Decline to answer**

If "Yes"... a. How many businesses? \_\_\_\_\_ b. Located in how many West Virginia counties? \_\_\_\_\_

8. The corporation is organized as (check one below):

**NON-PROFIT, NON-STOCK** [If you plan to apply for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, you will need to include specific language that is required by the IRS to be included in your Articles of Incorporation. Complete the **Articles of Incorporation with Non-Profit IRS Attachment** (Form **CD-1NP**) instead of completing this application.]

**FOR PROFIT**

9. FOR **PROFIT ONLY** (capital stock must be issued for a profit corporation):

The total value of all authorized capital stock of the corporation will be \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
(number of shares x \$ value per share)

The capital stock will be divided into \_\_\_\_\_ shares at the par value of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ per share.  
(number of shares) (\$ value)

10. a. The **purpose for which this corporation is formed** is as follows: [In the space below, describe the type(s) of business activity which will be conducted, for example, "agricultural production of grain and poultry," "construction of residential and commercial buildings." Purpose may conclude with words "...including the transaction of any or all lawful business for which corporations may be incorporated in West Virginia." \***NOTE** - "**Professional**" **business organizations** must attach to this application the completed **Verification of Eligibility** (Form **VOE**) authorized and signed by your professional state licensing board (*see attached instructions and **CHECK BOX** below*).

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**Professional business organizations** (physicians, attorneys, engineers, CPA's, etc.): **CHECK BOX** indicating you have attached the state licensing board **Verification of Eligibility** (Form **VOE**) to this application if your profession meets the requirements as defined by **Chapter 30** of the WV Code. *See **Section 10** of the attached instructions for a list of professions.* **Your application will be rejected if the VOE is not signed by the board and attached.**

- b. Will the above purpose include any business activity conducted as a **consumer litigation financier** pursuant to WV Code §46A-6N?

**Yes** [By checking "Yes," the applicant affirms the above **purpose includes the required statement that the organization shall be designated as a litigation financier** pursuant to WV Code §46A-6N. You are also affirming that you have included with this application an original completed copy of the **required Application for Registration as a Litigation Financier** (Form **LF-1**) with the associated requisite filing fee.]

**No** [Proceed to 10c.]

- c. Will the incorporation elect to be organized for purposes as a "**Benefit Corporation**" per West Virginia Code §31F? **ONLY applicable to "FOR PROFIT" corporations; "NON-PROFIT" corporations CANNOT elect this status.**

**Yes** [If "Yes," the corporation must be formed **FOR PROFIT** and the purpose(s) indicated in Section 10a. above must include a "**general public benefit**" as set forth in §31F-3-301(a) of the West Virginia Code. Per §31F-1-102(c), "general public benefit" means "a material positive impact on society and the environment taken as a whole, as measured by a third-party standard, from the business and operations of a benefit corporation."]

**No** [Proceed to 10d.]

- d. Is the business a **Scrap Metal Dealer**?

**Yes** [If "Yes," you must complete the **Scrap Metal Dealer Registration Form** (Form **SMD-1**) and proceed to Section 11.]

**No** [Proceed to Section 11.]

11. FOR **NON-PROFIT ONLY** (Check the statement that applies to your entity.):

Corporation will have **NO MEMBERS**. Proceed to Section 12.

Corporation will have **MEMBERS**. See **\*Required** note continued on next page.

11. FOR NON-PROFIT ONLY (Continued):

\*Required: If the corporation has ONE OR MORE CLASSES OF MEMBERS, the designation of a class or classes is to be set forth in the articles of incorporation and the manner of election or appointment and the qualifications and rights of the members of each class is to be set forth in the articles of incorporation or bylaws. If this applies to your entity then you will need to attach a separate sheet listing the above required information, unless it will fit in the space provided below. Otherwise, you may indicate below, "The required member information will be provided in the Bylaws."

\_\_\_\_\_
\_\_\_\_\_

12. The name(s) and address(es) of the incorporator(s) is (You must list at least ONE incorporator; attach additional pages if necessary.):

Name Address City State Zip Code

a) \_\_\_\_\_
b) \_\_\_\_\_

13. Is the organization a "veteran-owned" organization?

Effective JULY 1, 2015, to meet the requirements for a "veteran-owned" organization, the entity filing the registration must meet the following criteria per West Virginia Code §59-1-2a:

- 1. A "veteran" must be honorably discharged or under honorable conditions, and
2. A "veteran-owned business" means a business that meets one of the following criteria:
o Is at least fifty-one percent (51%) unconditionally owned by one or more veterans; or
o In the case of a publicly owned business, at least fifty-one percent (51%) of the stock is unconditionally owned by one or more veterans.

[ ] Yes (If "Yes," attach Form DD214)
[ ] No

[ ] CHECK BOX indicating you have attached Veteran Affairs Form DD214

You may obtain a copy of your Veterans Affairs Form DD214 by contacting:

National Personnel Records Center
Military Personnel Records
1 Archives Drive
St. Louis, MO 63138
Toll free: 1-86-NARA-NARA or 1-866-272-6272
Phone: 314-801-0800
www.archives.gov/veterans/military-service-records

Per WV Code 59-1-2(j) effective July 1, 2015, the registration fee is waived for entities that meet the requirements as a "veteran-owned" organization. See attached instructions to determine if the organization qualifies for this waiver. In addition, a "veteran-owned" entity will have four (4) consecutive years of Annual Report fees waived AFTER the organization's initial formation [see WV Code 59-1-2a(m)].

14. The number of acres of land it holds or expects to hold in West Virginia is: \_\_\_\_\_

15. Contact and Signature Information\* (See below Important Legal Notice Regarding Signature):

a. Contact person to reach in case there is a problem with filing: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

b. Print name of person who is signing articles of incorporation: \_\_\_\_\_

c. Signature of Incorporator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

\*Important Legal Notice Regarding Signature: Per West Virginia Code §31D-1-129. Penalty for signing false document. Any person who signs a document he or she knows is false in any material respect and knows that the document is to be delivered to the secretary of state for filing is guilty of a misdemeanor and, upon conviction thereof, shall be fined not more than one thousand dollars or confined in the county or regional jail not more than one year, or both.

Important Note: This form is a public document. Please do NOT provide any personal identifiable information on this form such as social security number, bank account numbers, credit card numbers, tax identification or driver's license numbers.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR FILING ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

**BEFORE you fill out the application:** The corporate name you select will be approved **only** if it is available - that is, if the name is not the same as and is distinguishable from any other name which has been reserved or filed. If you prepare corporate papers without applying for and receiving a name reservation, you do so at your own risk. A telephone check on availability of a name is NOT a guarantee the name will be available once we receive the application. You may apply for a name reservation in writing, accompanied by a \$15 fee payable to the Secretary of State, mailed to the address on the top of the application. Once approved, the name will be held for 120 days.

**Section 1.** Enter the exact name of the corporation, and be sure to include one of the required terms, “corporation,” “company,” “incorporated,” “limited,” or an abbreviation of one of these terms. Remember, the name that is on your certificate of incorporation is your official name and must be used in its entirety when in use unless you file a trade name registration with the Office of the Secretary of State. Failure to do so could result in a fine or imprisonment.

**Section 2.** The principal office may be located within West Virginia or another state. List the address of the principal office. You may change your principal office address by filing with the Secretary of State an application to appoint or change address, agent or officers [Form AAO] (fee \$15).

**Section 3.** A West Virginia domestic corporation may have a physical location as the principal place of business within the state. Give the street address, city, zip and county in WV, if any. You may change your principal office address by filing with the Secretary of State an application to appoint or change address, agent or officers [Form AAO] (fee \$15).

**Section 4.** Unless you name a person or business as “agent of process” who can receive service of a summons or complaint, legal process will go to the address listed in #2. You may change “agent of process” by filing with the Secretary of State an application to appoint or change address, agent or officers [Form AAO] (fee \$15).

**Section 5.** List an e-mail address (*yourname@domainname.com*) where you can receive important e-mail notifications (e.g., Annual Report notices).

**Section 6.** List the website address (*domainname.com*) of the business, if any. DO NOT list a physical mailing address.

**Section 7.** Indicate whether or not you own or operate more than one business in West Virginia. If “Yes”...

- a. List the **total number of businesses in West Virginia** in the space provided.
- b. List the **total number of counties in West Virginia** in which the businesses conduct operations.

**Section 8.** In a non-profit corporation, no funds of the corporation may be distributed to members, directors or officers. **Non-profit status will not be granted by the Tax Department until IRS 501(c) status is approved.** If you plan to apply for 501(c)(3) status with the IRS, you will need to include specific language required by the IRS to be included in your Articles of Incorporation. That required language statement is provided as an attachment to the Form CD-INP application [see last page of the document]. Be sure to include this attachment when submitting your Articles of Incorporation if this applies to your entity. In a for-profit corporation, the assets and profits of the corporation “belong to” the shareholders, and can be distributed to them. Check the appropriate box.

**Section 9.** When a for-profit corporation is formed, this statement sets the total value of all authorized capital stock, and how it is divided into shares. (*Calculation example:* 100 shares x \$10 per share = \$1,000 total value.) It does not necessarily reflect the money put into the corporation. The number of shares must be listed, but may be increased later.

**Section 10.** a. It is required you describe the **purpose** [i.e., principal activity to be conducted by the business] of the corporation clearly to ensure you receive all the necessary information about registering with the required state agencies. Attach an additional page if necessary. **Only the following professions listed below under the specified articles of Chapter 30 of West Virginia Code may register as a “professional” business organization.**

Attorneys-at-law	[Article 2]	Physicians & Podiatrists	[Article 3]
Dentists	[Article 4]	Optometrists	[Article 8]
Accountants	[Article 9]	Veterinarians	[Article 10]
Architects	[Article 12]	Engineers	[Article 13]
Land Surveyors	[Article 13a]	Osteopathic Physicians & Surgeons	[Article 14]
Chiropractors	[Article 16]	Psychologists	[Article 21]
Social Workers	[Article 30]	Acupuncturists	[Article 36]

**\*\*\*Important\*\*\* Professional business organizations: CHECK BOX indicating you have attached Verification of Eligibility (Form VOE) to these Articles if your profession meets the requirements as defined by Chapter 30 of the WV Code. The Secretary of State cannot complete your filing until verification is received from the appropriate state licensing board. Your application will be rejected if the VOE is not signed by the board and attached to this application.**

b. If “No,” proceed to Section 10c. If “Yes,” the above purpose includes any business activity conducted as a **consumer litigation financier**, pursuant to WV Code §46A-6N, the organization must register as a litigation financier by completing and submitting to Secretary of State an original copy of the **Application for Registration as a Litigation Financier** (Form LF-1) and pay the associated requisite filing fee. If this applies to your organization, check the “Yes” box to include in your purpose the required statement that the organization shall be designated as a litigation financier.

c. If “No,” proceed to Section 10d. If “Yes,” and the **FOR PROFIT** incorporation elects to be organized for purposes as a “Benefit Corporation,” per West Virginia Code §31F-3-301 (**NON-PROFIT corporations CANNOT elect this status**), the purpose listed in Section 10a. above must clearly state as one of its purposes the purpose of creating a “general public benefit.” **You must indicate as one of its purposes stated in Section 10a. above the purpose of creating a “general public benefit” as set forth in §31F-3-301(a) of the West Virginia Code.** A “general public benefit” means “a material positive impact on society and the environment taken as a whole, as measured by a third-party standard, from the business and operations of a benefit corporation,” [see West Virginia Code §31F-1-102(c)]. **This purpose is in addition to its principal business purpose stated under §31D-3-302 of the West Virginia Code.** It may also identify one or more “specific public benefits” that it is the purpose of the corporation to create. Per West Virginia Code §31F-1-102(e) “specific public benefit” means “a benefit that serves one or more public welfare, religious, charitable, scientific, literary or educational purposes, or other purposes or benefit beyond the strict interest of the shareholders of the benefit corporation, including:

- (1) Providing low-income or under served individuals or communities with beneficial products or services;
- (2) Promoting economic opportunity for individuals or communities beyond the creation of jobs in the normal course of business;
- (3) Preserving or improving the environment;
- (4) Improving human health;
- (5) Promoting the arts, sciences or advancement of knowledge;
- (6) Increasing the flow of capital to entities with a public benefit purpose; and
- (7) Conferring any other particular benefit on society or the environment.”

d. **If the business activities include “Scrap Metal Dealer”,** check “Yes” and complete the **Scrap Metal Dealer Registration Form (Form SMD-1)** [per revised West Virginia Business Code §61-3-49-(b)(4)] and submit with your application. Proceed to Section 11. If “No,” proceed to Section 11.

**Section 11.** Only those forming a **non-profit** entity would complete this section. Attach additional pages, if necessary.

**Section 12.** The **incorporators** (one or more persons or a domestic or foreign corporation) are the persons or entities who set up the corporation. They need not own shares in nor run the corporation.

**Section 13.** Check the appropriate box indicating whether or not the organization is "**veteran-owned.**" Effective JULY 1, 2015, the following criteria must be met in order to qualify as a "veteran-owned" entity: (1) veteran must be "honorably discharged or under honorable conditions;" and (2) if a publicly-owned entity, at least fifty-one per cent (51%) of the stock must be unconditionally owned by one or more veterans [see WV Code 59-1-2a(12)-(13)(A)(B)]. **If "Yes," you must provide proof of veteran status by including with this application a copy of your Veteran Affairs Form DD214.**

**Section 14.** Enter the number of acres the company desires to hold in West Virginia. If your company holds more than 10,000 acres of land, you must submit a fee of 5¢ for each acre over 10,000.

**Section 15. AN INCORPORATOR MUST SIGN THE APPLICATION.** Listing a contact person and phone number is optional, however listing a person to contact in case of a problem with filing may help to speed the filing process along and avoid possible rejection of the document. **The application will be returned to you as incomplete without a signature.**

**ANNUAL REPORT NOTICE:**

WV Code 59-1-2a. requires every corporation (both *for profit* and *non-profit*) to file an **annual report and pay the annual report filing fee between January 1 and July 1** of each year following the calendar year in which the business was registered with the Office of the Secretary of State. **The \$25 annual report fee is waived for Veteran-owned entities for the following four (4) years after initial formation [see WV Code 59-1-2a(m)]. Failure to file may result in revocation of the organization's legal authority to transact business in the state. Notification of the filing requirement will be sent, but the company is responsible for filing the annual report as required by WV Code. You may file the annual report online at <https://onestop.wv.gov>.**

West Virginia Code §31F-5-501 requires every “**benefit corporation,**” as described in Section 9b. above, to prepare an annual benefit report (separate and unrelated to the Secretary of State Annual Report referenced above) made available annually to each shareholder of the benefit corporation. See West Virginia Code §31F-5-501 for further information regarding the “Annual Benefit Report.”

**FILING THE ARTICLES - ONE ORIGINAL REQUIRED - AND PAYING THE FEE**

**Send an additional original if you want a filed date-stamped copy returned to you at no additional cost.**

The filing fee will consist of paying a registration fee and excess acreage fee, if applicable.

If requesting a certified copy, an additional fee of \$15 per certified copy requested is required.

For **Profit** Corporations - **\$100** \* Effective July 7, 2017 per WV Code §59-1-2.

**Non-Profit** Corporations - **\$25**

**\*\* Veteran-owned** entity registration **FEE WAIVED - \$0**

[Registration fee is waived for "veteran-owned" entity effective July 1, 2015 per WV Code 59-1-2(j); **Be sure to attach the veteran proof of status Veteran Affairs Form DD214 when claiming "veteran-owned" status.**]

Registration fee\* \_\_\_\_\_  
 Excess Acreage fee: + \_\_\_\_\_  
 \$15 per certified copy: + \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total fee: = \_\_\_\_\_

**Expedite Fee** is additional if requesting expedite service. See **Customer Order Request** form for more information.

\*\*\*\* Make your checks payable to **West Virginia Secretary of State.** \*\*\*\*

**TEXT ALERTS:** Stay up-to-date regarding filing deadlines and changes to business, charity, notary, private investigation, and security guard laws. To sign up, go to [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov).

**CHARITABLE REGISTRATION:** If your company receives contributions, donations or grants, registration as a charitable organization may be required. Contact our office for more information or visit our website at [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov).

**DISSOLUTION:** A corporation is a legal entity which can only be dissolved through formal action by filing the necessary documents for dissolution - not by a letter or phone call. You remain liable for all taxes, assessments, fines, penalties and interest until you receive a certificate of dissolution from the Secretary of State. Contact us for more information.

## Filing Submission Instructions - Business Division

**IMPORTANT: READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY BEFORE COMPLETING FORMS.**

Please follow the instructions included with the application. Failure to include any of the required information on the form may cause the filing to be rejected.

All forms may be downloaded from our web site [www.wvsos.gov](http://www.wvsos.gov).

SUBMIT THE COMPLETED APPLICATION WITH THE [CUSTOMER ORDER REQUEST](#) FORM TO ONE OF THE OFFICES BELOW. CHOOSE EXPEDITED OR STANDARD PROCESSING SERVICE. IF NOT USING THE CUSTOMER ORDER REQUEST FORM AND YOU ARE REQUESTING EXPEDITED SERVICE, YOU MUST INCLUDE THE WORD "EXPEDITE" AND THE LEVEL OF EXPEDITED SERVICE BEING REQUESTED (24-HOUR, 2-HOUR OR 1-HOUR) IN YOUR CORRESPONDENCE. BE SURE TO INCLUDE THE CORRECT ADDITIONAL EXPEDITED FEE. THIS FEE IS IN ADDITION TO THE REGULAR FILING FEE (*SEE FEES BELOW*).

**CHOOSE ONE OF THE FOLLOWING PROCESSING SERVICES:**

① **EXPEDITED SERVICE (24-hour, 2-hour and 1-hour; \*Requires standard filing fee plus additional expedite fee, *see below*)**

Expedite Service	*Fee	EXPEDITED SERVICE requests may be submitted by:
24-Hour	\$ 25.00	- E-mail to <a href="mailto:efilings@wvsos.gov">efilings@wvsos.gov</a>
2-Hour	\$250.00	- Fax
1-Hour	\$500.00	- Walk in delivery

② **STANDARD PROCESSING (5-10 business days)**

Standard filing fees apply. STANDARD PROCESSING requests may be submitted by:  
- E-mail to [CorpFilings@wvsos.com](mailto:CorpFilings@wvsos.com)  
- Fax  
- Walk in delivery (drop off service only filed within 5-10 business days)

**INCLUDE PAYMENT:**

Be sure to enclose the correct filing fee with your filing. If paying by credit card, be sure to include the [e-Payment Authorization](#) form with your filing. **Your filing will be rejected if the payment is not included or if the e-Payment Authorization form is not included if paying by credit card.**

**SUBMIT COMPLETED FILING TO ONE OF THE BUSINESS CENTERS BELOW:**

**BUSINESS SERVICE CENTERS**  
*Standard and Expedited Filings*

**Charleston Office**  
**One-Stop Business Center**  
13 Kanawha Blvd. West  
Suite 201  
Charleston, WV 25302  
Phone: (304) 558-8000  
Fax: (304) 558-8381  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 8:30a - 5:00p EST

**Clarksburg Office**  
**North Central WV Business Center**  
153 West Main Street  
Suite G- Third Floor  
Clarksburg, WV 26301  
Phone: (304) 367-2775  
Fax: (304) 627-2243  
Hours: Mon. -Fri. 9:00a - 5:00p EST

**Martinsburg Office**  
**Eastern Panhandle Business Center**  
229 E. Martin Street  
Martinsburg, WV 25401  
Phone: (304) 356-2654  
Fax: (304) 260-4360  
Hours: Mon. - Fri. 9:00a - 5:00p EST

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## Customer Order Request

SUBMIT THIS COMPLETED FORM WITH YOUR FILING.

**READ CAREFULLY BEFORE SUBMITTING** - Expedite service is **NOT AVAILABLE** for the following filings:

- >> Tax Department filings including Sole Proprietorships, General Partnerships, and Associations
- >> Dissolution or Withdrawal of Corporation, Voluntary Association or Business Trust

### Order Processing Requested\*:

### \*\*\* Expedite Processing Requires Additional Fees \*\*\*

Standard Processing\*\*  
(Avg. processing turnaround  
5-10 business days)

24-HOUR Expedite\*\*\*  
(additional \$25.00 fee included)

2-HOUR Expedite  
(additional \$250.00 fee included)

1-HOUR Expedite  
(additional \$500.00 fee included)

Email to: [CorpFilings@wvsos.gov](mailto:CorpFilings@wvsos.gov)

Email to: [eFilings@wvsos.gov](mailto:eFilings@wvsos.gov)

ALL Requests for Copies of documents email to: [Copies@wvsos.gov](mailto:Copies@wvsos.gov)

\*"Processing" indicates the filing will be completed and registered in the Secretary of State registration database.

\*\*Standard Processing applications received by E-MAIL or FAX must include the e-Payment Authorization form with credit card information.

\*\*\*NOTE: Orders filed in person through any Secretary of State office location requesting the filing be processed will be assessed a 24-HOUR Expedite fee of \$25.00 per order.

Name of Entity: \_\_\_\_\_

Return filing to:  
(Return Address) \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Return Delivery Options:** Email or Fax options do not receive a copy via mail; must be ordered separately.

Email to: \_\_\_\_\_  Fax to: \_\_\_\_\_

Hold for Pick Up  Mail to Return Address above  FedEx: Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

Other (explain below): \_\_\_\_\_  UPS: Acct # \_\_\_\_\_

**Order Description** (include items being ordered and fee breakdown):

\* PLEASE NOTE: Original paperwork is kept by this office. Include a copy of the original filing if you want a file stamped copy returned to you at no extra charge. **Certified copy requests are an additional \$15 per certified copy being requested.**

Total Amount: \_\_\_\_\_

### Payment Method:

Check/Money Order

Credit Card (Must attach [e-Payment Authorization](#) request form including payment information.)

Cash (*Do Not mail cash*)

Pre-paid Acct #: \_\_\_\_\_ Attach signed pre-paid slip.

## 24-hour, 2-hour and 1-hour Expedite Service Guidelines

**IMPORTANT:** To ensure expedited service, please mark “EXPEDITE” in a conspicuous place at the top of the service request. Please indicate method of delivery.

### **24-HOUR EXPEDITE SERVICE**

The Secretary of State offers a 24-hour expedite service on most business organization filings processed by this office. If you choose to utilize this service, please enclose with your filing the additional expedite fee. Please note that this expedite fee is in addition to the standard fee charged on each filing and/or order. You must mark the document with your “**24-HOUR EXPEDITE**” request. If using a cover letter, note that you are requesting 24-hour expedited service, and include your telephone number and return information. Each filing will be returned by U.S.P.S. regular mail unless other arrangements are made. This office *does not* fax confirmation of a 24-hour expedite.

The fee for 24-hour handling is \$25.00 in addition to the usual fee for service. Please consult our fee schedules for the appropriate fee. If you require assistance, please contact this office.

**Time Constraints:** Under most circumstances, each filing submitted receives same day filing date and may be picked up in the office by the end of the same business day. Filings to be mailed the next business day if received by 2:00 pm of receipt date and no later than the 2nd business day if received after 2:00 pm. Expedite period begins when filing or service request is received in this office in acceptable fileable form.

### **2-HOUR EXPEDITE SERVICE**

The Secretary of State offers a 2-hour expedite service on most filings processed by this office. If you choose to utilize the 2-hour expedite service, please enclose with your filing an additional \$250.00 per filing and/or order. Please note that this expedite fee is in addition to the standard fee charged on each filing and/or order. Complete and submit the 2-hour customer order instruction form. If not using our order form, state clearly in your cover letter that you are requesting 2-hour expedited service and include your telephone number and return information. Attach the order form or cover sheet to the *top* of your filing and submit to this office. Each filing will be returned by U.S.P.S. regular mail unless other arrangements are made.

### **1-HOUR EXPEDITE SERVICE**

The Secretary of State offers a 1-hour expedite service on most filings processed by this office. If you choose to utilize the 1-hour expedite service, please enclose with your filing an additional \$500.00 per filing and/or order. Please note that this expedite fee is in addition to the standard fee charged on each filing and/or order. Complete and submit the 1-hour customer order instruction form. If not using our order form, state clearly in your cover letter that you are requesting 1-hour expedited service and include your telephone number and return information. Attach the order form or cover sheet to the *top* of your filing and submit to this office. Each filing will be returned by U.S.P.S. regular mail unless other arrangements are made.

**1-Hour and 2-Hour Time Constraints:** Each filing submitted for either 1-hour or 2-hour expedite receives same day filing date and will be acknowledged by fax or e-mail within expedite service time. Failure to indicate method of acknowledgement (fax or e-mail) or to provide a correct fax number or e-mail address may prevent the Secretary of State from acknowledging the filing of such documents. Filings may be picked up within the expedite service period. Filings to be mailed will be mailed out no later than the next business day following receipt. Expedite period begins when filing or service request is received in this office in fileable form.

**The Secretary of State reserves the right to extend the expedite period in times of extreme volume, staff shortages or equipment malfunction. These extensions are few and will rarely extend more than a few hours.**

