



STATEMENT OF INTENT TO INCORPORATE Ronan Farmers Market, Inc.

The undersigned applicants, whose names and addresses are set forth on Exhibit "A", desire to incorporate as a cooperative association for the purpose of owning and operating, on a cooperative basis, to provide a mechanism for the exchange of locally produced agricultural products and crafts and to engage in any other lawful activities in the State of Montana. Code Ann. Sections 35-15-101 et seq..

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ARTICLE I. Name

The name of the proposed cooperative association shall be the Ronan Farmers Market, Inc., herein referenced as "Co-op", located at Ronan, Montana.

ARTICLE II. CAPITAL STRUCTURE

The Co-op shall have initial authority to issue 200 shares of capital stock, which shall be designated as follows:

(a) 200 shares of common membership stock, each at \$50.00 par value.

Section 1. No person shall be permitted to subscribe for, control or own more or less than one share of the common membership stock of the Co-op. The Board of Directors may establish and from time to time revise and execute a standard form of an existent membership agreement.

Section 2. Requirements for Membership. Criteria for membership and non-membership shall be determined by the Bylaws. Members shall be given all rights of an active member, including voting and running for a board position.

Section 3 Rights and Interests. The property rights and interests of each member in the Association shall be unequal and shall be determined and fixed on a patronage basis, and the net proceeds from the business of the Association shall be allocated to member-patrons in proportion that the patronage of each member bears to the total patronage of all the members of the Association.

ARTICLE III. Location and Registered Agent

The address of the initial registered office of the cooperative association is 44921 Schoolhouse Lane, Moiese, MT 59824, and the name of the initial registered agent at that office is Kent Newsam.

ARTICLE IV. Duration

The Co-op shall have perpetual duration.

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ARTICLE V. Purpose

The purpose of the association shall be:

- To provide a mechanism for the exchange of locally produced commodities, goods, and services, and an enhancement of the local economy;
- To increase the awareness in the Mission Valley area of the availability of quality, locally produced agricultural products such as vegetables, fruits, meat, horticultural products, baked goods, prepared foods, preserves, and honey, as well as locally produced crafts.

ARTICLE VI. Liability

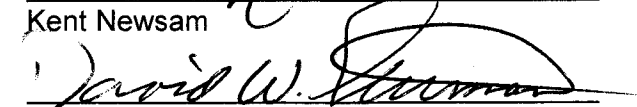
To the maximum extent permitted under Montana law, applicants, commissioners, officers and directors shall not be personally liable to the Co-op or its shareholders for monetary damages for action taken or for failure to take actions; provided, however, that applicants, commissioners, officers and directors may be personally liable for (i) intentional acts or omissions that inflict harm on the Co-op or its shareholders, (ii) any transaction from which an applicant, commissioner, officers or director derived an improper personal or financial benefit, (iii) for any unlawful liquidating distributions of assets to shareholders, unlawful loans to applicants, commissioners, officers or directors, unlawful guarantees of loans to applicants, commissioners or directors, unlawful dividends, unlawful stock or equity repurchase, or any other unlawful distribution that was voted for or assented to, if the applicant, commissioner, officer or director did not conform to the standard of care under Mont. Code Ann. Section 35-1-418.

The provisions of this Article VI shall not limit the indemnification provisions of the cooperative association bylaws.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF we applicants have executed and submitted the foregoing Statement of Intent to Incorporation under Mont. Code Ann. Sections 35-15-101, et seq.:

DATED this 28th day of February, 2020.


Kent Newsam


David Sturman

CONSENT The undersigned, a Montana resident, voluntarily agrees to serve as the registered agent as provided in the foregoing Statement of Intent to Incorporation of the Ronan Farmers Market, Inc.

DATED this 28th day of February, 2020.


Kent Newsam

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EXHIBIT "A"

Kent Newsam
44921 Schoolhouse Lane
Moiese, MT 59824
SS # 503-56-6822

David Sturman
59501 Foothill Road
St. Ignatius, MT 89865
SS # 214-60-7719



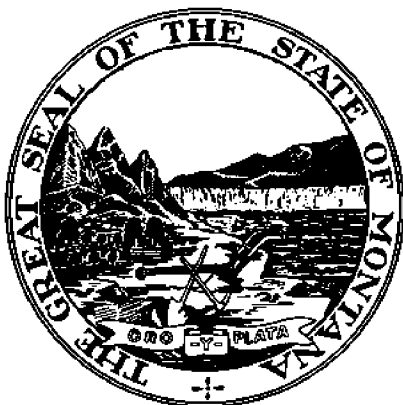
LICENSE AS COMMISSIONERS

I, **COREY STAPLETON**, Secretary of State for the State of Montana, do hereby certify that a statement of incorporation has been filed pursuant to Mont.Code Ann § 35-15-201, to open books for subscription to the capital stock of the following cooperative association:

RONAN FARMERS MARKET INC

Having duly filed the statements required by Mont. Code Ann. § 35-15-201, the Secretary of State hereby issues a license to:

Who are hereby authorized to open books or subscription to the capital stock of the association at a time and place that the persons forming the association may determine.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of Montana, at Helena, the Capital, this 5th day of March, 2020.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corey Stapleton".

COREY STAPLETON

Montana Secretary of State

Certificate Number: 030520200754



MONTANA SECRETARY OF STATE

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LAKE COUNTY COMMUNITY

PO BOX 128
RONAN MT 59864

CERTIFICATION LETTER

I, COREY STAPLETON, Secretary of State for the State of Montana, do hereby certify that

RONAN FARMERS MARKET INC

filed its Statement of Intent with this office and has fulfilled the applicable requirements set forth in law. By virtue of the authority vested in this office, I hereby issue this certificate evidencing the filing is effective on the date shown below.

Certified File Number: D1150690 - 13582441

Effective Date: March 04, 2020

Thank you for being a valued member of the Montana business community. I wish you the best of luck in your future endeavors.

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Corey Stapleton".

Corey Stapleton
Montana Secretary of State