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- Fee: \$50
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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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# Initial Articles of Incorporation

## (For Profit, Domestic Corporation)

### Filing Fee: \$99

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### Form Must Be Typed

Please check the box if this corporation is being formed for the following purpose:

- ☐ Community Development Corporation - Please see Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1726 or the instructions at the end of this form for more information.

**First:** Name of Corporation

(Name must include the following word or abbreviation:  
company, co., corporation, corp., incorporated, or inc.)

**Second:** Location of Principal Office in Ohio

City

State

County

**Optional:** Effective Date (MM/DD/YYYY)

(The legal existence of the corporation begins upon the filing of the articles or on a later date specified that is not more than ninety days after filing.)

**Third:** The number of shares which the corporation is authorized to have outstanding.  
(Please state if shares are common or preferred and their par value, if any.)

Number of Shares

Type of Shares

Par Value of Shares

**Fourth:** If the corporation is to have an initial stated capital, please state the amount of that stated capital.

Amount

**Optional:** Purpose:

**\*\* Note:** ORC Chapter 1701 allows 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)

(State)

(ZIP Code)

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

(Signature)

(Signature)

(Signature)

## Acceptance of Appointment

The Undersigned,

(Name of Statutory Agent)

, named herein as the

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 business 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

# Instructions for Initial Articles of Incorporation (For Domestic, For-Profit Corporation)

This form should be used if you wish to file articles of incorporation for a domestic for-profit corporation.

## **Name of Corporation**

The name of the corporation must be in compliance with Ohio Revised Code §1701.05. The name must end with or include the word or abbreviation “company,” “co.,” “corporation,” “corp.,” “incorporated,” or “inc.” The name must be distinguishable on the records in the office of the secretary of state.

The name of the corporation must not include the word “benefit” or “b-” in its name as a prefix to “company,” “co.,” “corporation,” “corp.,” “incorporated,” or “inc.” unless the corporation is a benefit corporation. A benefit corporation must provide a beneficial purpose on this form, as referenced below.

## **Ohio Principal Office Location**

Please state the city and county in Ohio where the principal office of the corporation is to be located.

## **Effective Date (optional)**

An effective date may be provided but is not required. Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §1701.04(E), the legal existence of the corporation begins upon the filing of the articles or on a later date specified in the articles. The effective date cannot (1) precede the date of filing with our office or (2) be more than ninety (90) days after the date of filing. If an effective date is given that precedes the date of filing, the effective date of the corporation will be the date of filing. If an effective date is given that exceeds the date of filing by more than ninety (90) days, our office will return the filing to you and request that a proper effective date be provided.

## **Authorized Number and Par Value of Shares**

Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code §1701.04(A)(3) and (4), please state the authorized number of shares, the type (common or preferred), and the par value, if any. Note: The express terms of the shares of each class must be attached. (See ORC 111.16(A)(2) for additional fee information.)

## **Initial Stated Capital**

If the corporation is to have an initial stated capital, please state the amount of that stated capital. Pursuant to §1785.05, a professional corporation may issue its capital stock only to persons who are duly licensed, certificated, or otherwise legally authorized to render within this state the same professional service as that for which the entity was organized.

## **Purpose Clause (Optional)**

A purpose clause may be provided but is not required. As stated in Ohio Revised Code §1701.03, a corporation may generally “be formed for any purpose or purposes for which individuals lawfully may associate themselves.” However, for a corporation to be formed as a benefit corporation, a purpose statement containing a beneficial purpose, defined in §1701.01(GG), must be included.

## **Appointment of Agent - O.R.C. 1701.07**

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.

## **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.

## **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**

Ohio Revised Code Chapter 1726 requires our office to submit Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment or amendments thereof, to the attorney general for examination. This process will require an extra 5-7 days to process the document. In addition, ORC 1726.11 requires a community development corporation to submit an annual financial report to the auditor of state within one hundred twenty days following the last day of the corporation's fiscal year.

**Note**

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