

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

# CLEANING CENTERS, INC.

THE JUDGE OF PROBATE OF SHELBY COUNTY, ALABAMA:

The undersigned, desiring to organize a body corporate under the laws of the State of Alabama and being the incorporator of the corporation hereby organized, does make, sign and file these ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, as follows:

#### **ARTICLE I**

## CORPORATE NAME

The name of the Corporation is: CLEANING CENTERS, INC.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of the Corporation shall be 12:01 a.m.?

#### **ARTICLE III**

## AUTHORIZED SHARES

The maximum number of shares which the corporation is authorized to have outstanding is 1,000 shares, all of which shall be common stock with voting and preferential rights and a par value of \$1.00 per share.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

## REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 2663 Valleydale Road #289, Birmingham, Alabama, 35244 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Charles D. Gray.

#### **ARTICLE V**

## **INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator is as follows:

Name

<u>Address</u>

Charles D. Gray

2663 Valleydale Rd., # 289 Birmingham, Alabama 34244

#### **ARTICLE VI**

## INITIAL DIRECTORS

The number of Directors constituting the initial Board of Directors of the Corporation is ONE, and the names and addresses of the persons who are to serve as directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders or until a successor is elected and shall qualify are:

Name

Address

Charles D. Gray

2663 Valleydale Rd., # 289 Birmingham, Alabama 34244

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **PURPOSES**

The objects and purposes for which the Corporation is formed are:

- (a) To engage in the business of commercial and residential cleaning.
- (b) The Company shall not engage in business other than for the purposes stated above and the rendering of services ancillary thereto.
- (c) To do all and everything necessary and proper for the accomplishment of the objects to the protection and benefit of the Corporation, and in general to carry on any lawful business necessary or incidental to the attainment of the purposes of the Corporation, whether such business is similar in nature to the objects and powers hereinabove set forth or otherwise.
- (d) To exercise all powers now granted, or which in the future may be granted, by the Alabama Business Corporation Act to corporations formed thereunder, subject to any limitation imposed or any provision of any other statute of the State of Alabama.

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **DURATION**

The period for the duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

#### **MANAGEMENT**

The conduct of the business and the affairs of the corporation shall be governed and regulated by its Bylaws. The shareholders reserve the right to adopt the initial Bylaws of the corporation. The Board of Directors is expressly authorized to alter, amend, or repeal the Bylaws of the Corporation, without any action on the part of the shareholders; but the Bylaws so altered, amended or repealed by the directors and the powers so conferred may be altered, amended or repealed by the shareholders at any annual meeting, or at any special meeting, provided notice of such proposed alteration, amendment, or repeal by the shareholders be included in the notice of such special meeting of the shareholders.

#### **ARTICLE X**

### **INDEMNIFICATION**

The Corporation shall indemnify each of its officers, directors, and employees, whether or not then in office, and his or her heirs and legal representatives against all expenses, judgments, decrees, fines, penalties, or other amounts paid in satisfaction of, in settlement of, or in connection with the defense of any pending or threatened action, suit, or proceeding, civil or criminal, to which he or she is or may be made a party by reason of having been a director, officer, or employee of the Corporation. Without limitation, the term "expenses" shall include all counsel fees, expert witness fees, court costs and any other costs of a similar nature. The Corporation shall not, however, indemnify any officer, director, or employee until a majority of the Board of Directors has determined, by majority vote at a meeting or by a written instrument signed by a majority of all of the directors, that the officer, director, or employee

- (a) Was not grossly negligent in his or her duty to the Corporation, nor guilty of intentional misconduct in the performance of duties to the Corporation;
- (b) Acted in good faith in what he or she reasonably believed to be in the best interests of the Corporation; and
- (c) In any matter subject to criminal action, suit or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe that the conduct was unlawful.

In making this determination, all of the directors, including any director who is a party to or threatened with the action, suit, or proceeding, shall be entitled to vote at the meeting or to sign the

written instrument and thereby be counted for all purposes in determining a majority of the Board of Directors.

Any officer, director, or employee who is entitled to indemnification from the Corporation may make a written demand on the Board of Directors, by serving the written demand on the President or the Secretary (unless the President and the Secretary are both making the demand, in which case service may be made on any other officer of the Corporation). If the Board of Directors does not, within fifteen (15) days after service of the written demand, determine that the officer, director, or employee is entitled to indemnification, the officer, director, or employee may, within sixty (60) days following the date of service of the demand, apply to a court of general jurisdiction in the county in which the Corporation maintains its principal office. If the court determines that the conduct of the officer, director, or employee was such as to meet the requirements in the subparagraphs, the court shall order the Corporation to indemnify the officer, director, or employee to the same extent as if the Board of Directors had originally made the determination.

#### **ARTICLE XI**

#### PAYMENT FOR STOCK

This Corporation may from time to time issue its shares of stock for such consideration as may be fixed from time to time by the Board of Directors and may receive in payment thereof in whole or in part cash, labor done, personal property, or real property or leases thereof. Before the shares are issued the Board of Directors must determine that the consideration received or to be received is adequate. The determination by the Board of Directors as to the value of such labor, property, real estate or leases thereof, shall be conclusive. Any and all shares so issued for which the consideration so fixed shall have been paid or delivered shall be deemed fully paid stock and shall not be liable to any further call or assessment thereon, and the holders of such shares shall not be liable for any further payment in respect thereof.

#### **ARTICLE XII**

#### STATUTORY RIGHTS

Any and every statute of the State of Alabama hereafter enacted whereby the rights, powers or privileges of the shareholders of corporations organized under the general laws of the State of Alabama are increased, diminished or in any way affected, or whereby effect is given to the action taken by any part less than all of the shareholders of any such corporation, shall apply to this Corporation and shall be binding upon not only this Corporation, but upon every shareholder thereof to the same extent as if such statute had been in force at the date of the making and filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

## ARTICLE XIII

## SUBSEQUENTLY ADOPTED LAWS

Any and every statute of the State of Alabama hereafter enacted whereby the rights, powers and privileges of the holders of membership interests or managers of corporations organized under the general laws of the State of Alabama are increased, diminished or in any way affected, or whereby effect is given to the action taken by any part but less than all of the holders of membership interests or members of any such corporation, shall apply to the Company and to every manager and holder of membership interests thereof, to the same extent as if such statute had been in force at the date of the making and filing of these Articles of Incorporation.

#### **ARTICLE XIV**

## **AMENDMENTS**

The company reserves the right to amend, alter or change or repeal any provision contained in these Articles of Incorporation in the manner now or hereafter provided by law, and all rights conferred upon holders of membership interests and managers herein are granted subject to this reservation; provided, however, that no such amendment, alteration, change or repeal shall be effective without approval of a majority of the members on the effective date of any such amendment.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has hereunto subscribed his signature to these Articles of Incorporation, this the 10th day of Siptings, 2003.

CHARLES D. GRAY, INCORPORATOR

This Instrument Prepared By: MARK C. PETERSON, ESQ. RIVES & PETERSON, L.L.C. 3100 Independence Drive Birmingham, Alabama 35209 (205) 879-5808

Nancy L. Worley Secretary of State

P.O. Box 5616 Montgomery, AL 36103-5616

# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Nancy L. Worley, Secretary of State of the State of Alabama, having custody of the Great and Principal Seal of said State, do hereby certify that pursuant to the provisions of Section 10-2B-4.02, Code of Alabama 1975, and upon an examination of the corporation records on file in this office, the following corporate name is reserved as available:

Cleaning Centers, Inc.

This domestic corporation name is proposed to be incorporated in Shelby County and is for the exclusive use of Charles D Gray, 2663 Valleydale Rd #289, Birmingham, AL 35244 for a period of one hundred twenty days beginning August 25, 2003 and expiring December 24, 2003.



In Testimony Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State, at the Capitol, in the City of Montgomery, on this day.

August 25, 2003

**Date** 

Janey S. Marley

Nancy L. Worley

**Secretary of State**