

STATE OF ALABAMA  
SHELBY COUNTY

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

CHECK CONNECTION, INC.

Inst # 1999-02949

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08:33 AM CERTIFIED  
SHELBY COUNTY JUDGE OF PROBATE  
007 CMH 90.00

KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS,

That for the purpose of forming a corporation under and pursuant to the provisions of the laws of the State of Alabama and more particularly of Chapter 2 A of Title 10 of the Code of Alabama 1975, as last amended, the undersigned Kenneth Michael Sides, desiring to become a body corporate, in accordance with applicable law, has agreed upon and adopted this Articles of Incorporation, the same to constitute and become a charter for carrying on the business hereinafter specified upon the proper filing hereof pursuant to law.

FIRST: The name of the corporation is CHECK CONNECTION, Inc.

SECOND: The period of its duration of this corporation is perpetual.

THIRD: The purpose or purposes for which the corporation is organized are:

(a) To engage in the business of making loans, receiving property and titles for security, providing money pursuant to an agreement for the repayment thereof, participating in the electronic filing of taxes, sending and receiving money in any allowable manner, and engaging in the business of lending, investing, advancing funds, borrowing, pledging, and pawning.

(b) To purchase or otherwise acquire, and to hold, own, mortgage, pledge, sell, transfer, or in any manner dispose of, and to deal and trade in goods, wares, merchandise, and personal property of any and every class and description and wherever situated.

(c) To buy, sell, mortgage, rent, improve, exchange, and otherwise acquire, hold, dispose of and deal in real property, both improved and unimproved; to design, build, repair, and alter houses and other buildings thereon and to manage, develop, improve and subdivide, either into residential or business subdivisions, real property.

(d) To undertake and carry on any business, transactions, or operation commonly undertaken or carried on by real estate developers, retail businesses, financiers, and contractors, and generally to enter into, carry on, assist, promote or participate in financial, commercial, mercantile, and other business works, contracts, undertakings and operations.

(e) To raise money by the issuing of shares and otherwise, to borrow money for its corporate purposes, and to make, accept, endorse, guarantee, execute and issue bonds, bills of exchange and other obligations, and to mortgage, pledge and hypothecate any stocks, bonds or other evidences of indebtedness and any other property held by it, and to invest money so raised, borrowed or otherwise obtained in carrying out the objects of the corporation heretofore enumerated.

(f) To carry on any or all of its operations and business and to promote its objects within the State of Alabama or

elsewhere, without restrictions as to place or amount, and to do any or all of the things herein set forth to the same extent as natural persons might or could do, and in any part of the world, as principals, agents, contractors, trustees, or otherwise, along or in company with others.

(g) And generally to do and perform the acts and enjoy the powers conferred by the general laws of the State of Alabama; and in addition to the objects stated aforesaid, the corporation shall have the power to conduct and carry on any business or activity not prohibited by law, nor required by law to be specifically stated in these articles.

The objects and purposes specified in each subparagraph of Paragraph Third shall, unless otherwise expressly provided, be in no way limited by reference to, or inference from, the terms of any other subparagraphs of Paragraph Third, each of such subparagraphs being regarded as creating independent objects and purposes. All words and clauses appearing this Paragraph Third are used in their broadest sense and shall be so construed. Nothing herein contained, however, shall be construed as authorizing this corporation to carry on the business of banking or that of a trust company, or the business of insurance.

FOURTH: The aggregate number of shares which the corporation shall have authority to issue is 1,000, consisting of one class of common stock with the par value of \$1.00 per share.

FIFTH: Provisions for the regulation of internal affairs of the corporation are: None.

SIXTH: The address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 125 Chestnut Drive, Alabaster, AL 35007, and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Kenneth Michael Sides.

SEVENTH: The number of its directors constituting the initial board of directors of the corporation is one, and the name and address of the person who is to serve as director until the first annual meeting of the shareholders or until any director is elected and shall qualify is: Kenneth Michael Sides, 1711 20th Avenue, Calera, AL 35040.

EIGHTH: The name and address of each incorporator is:

Kenneth Michael Sides, 1711 20th Avenue, Calera, AL 35040.

NINTH: The names and address of the initial officers of the corporation are as follows:

Kenneth Michael Sides, 1711 20th Avenue, Calera, AL 35040.

TENTH: (A) The Board of Directors shall have power to alter, amend and repeal the by-laws of the Corporation or adopt new by-laws for the corporation at any regular or special meeting of the Board, provided that the Board of Directors may not alter, amend, or repeal any by-law which establishes the number of directors, the time or place of stockholders' meeting, or what constitutes a quorum at such stockholders' meetings, or which was adopted by the stockholders and specifically provides that it cannot be altered, amended or repealed by the Board of Directors.

(B) The stockholders may alter, amend, repeal the by-laws of the Corporation or adopt new by-laws for the Corporation at

any annual meeting or at a special meeting called for the purpose, and all by-laws made by the directors may be altered or repealed by the stockholders.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, the undersigned incorporator, have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 21 day of JAN, 1999.

Kenneth Michael Sides (SEAL)  
Kenneth Michael Sides (Incorporator)



# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Jim Bennett, 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:

Check Connection, Inc.

This domestic corporation name is proposed to be incorporated in Shelby County and is for the exclusive use of Kenneth Michael Sides, 125 Chestnut Dr, Alabaster, AL 35007 for a period of one hundred twenty days beginning December 18, 1998 and expiring April 18, 1999.



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.

December 18, 1998

Date

Jim Bennett

Secretary of State

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