

#### ARTICLES OF ORGANIZATION

#### **OF**

# THE BEARD, LLC

The undersigned, for the purpose of forming a limited liability company under Title 10, Chapter 12 of the 1975 Code of Alabama, as amended (the "Alabama Limited Liability Company Act"), hereby files the following Articles of Organization with the probate judge of the county in which the initial registered agent of the limited liability company will be located and affirm that the facts stated in these Articles of Organization are true and correct:

#### **ARTICLE I**

The name of the limited liability company is The Beard Company, LLC (the "Company").

#### **ARTICLE II**

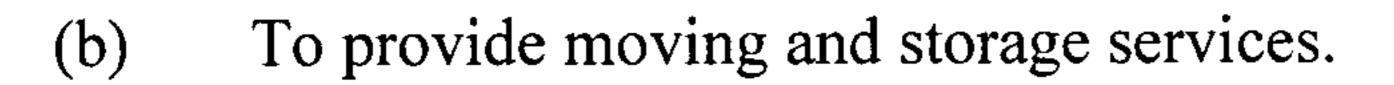
The period of duration of the Company shall be from the date of filing of these Articles of Organization with the Office of the Probate Judge for Shelby County, Alabama in perpetuity or until the first to occur of the following:

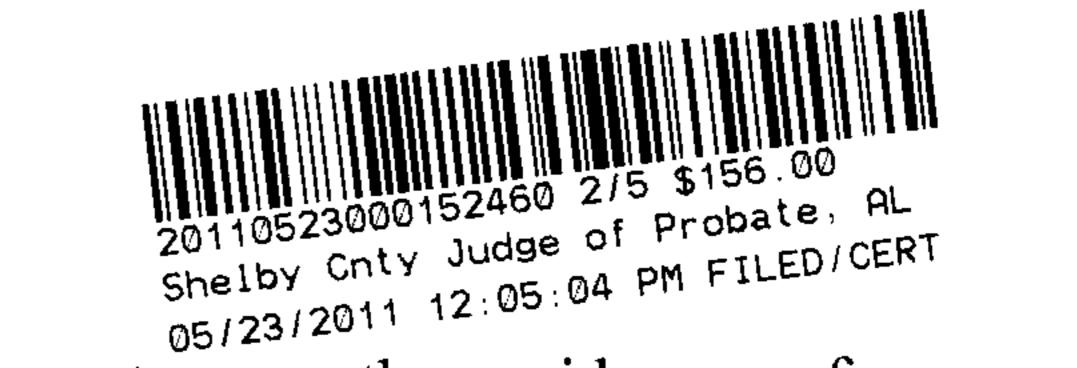
- (a) Dissolution of the Company pursuant to the laws of the State of Alabama or the Operating Agreement of the company, as in effect from time to time; or
- (b) Upon the written unanimous consent of all the members of the Company.

## **ARTICLE III**

The purposes for which the Company is organized are as follows:

(a) To engage in the transaction of any or all lawful business for which limited liability companies may be organized under the laws of the State of Alabama.





- (c) To borrow money and to evidence the same by notes or other evidences of indebtedness and to secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge or other lien or security interest in furtherance of any or all of the purposes of the Company.
- (d) To enter into, perform and carry out contracts and agreements necessary, appropriate or incidental to the accomplishment of the purposes of the Company; and
- (e) To do any other acts or things which may be necessary, appropriate or incidental to the carrying out of the business and purposes of the Company, subject to the terms and conditions of this Operating Agreement.

## **ARTICLE IV**

The location and mailing address of the initial registered office of the company shall be 807 Reach Crest, Birmingham, Alabama 35242. The initial registered agent at the foregoing address shall be Blake Beard.

### **ARTICLE V**

The names and mailing addresses of the initial members of the company are as follows:

NAME MAILING ADDRESS

Blake Beard 807 Reach Crest

Birmingham, Alabama 35242

Susan Beard 807 Reach Crest

Birmingham, Alabama 35242

# **ARTICLE VI**

The members of the Company shall have the right to admit additional members to the Company upon the unanimous consent of all the members of the Company.

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# **ARTICLE VII**

The members of the Company shall have the right to continue the business of the Company upon the death, retirement, resignation, expulsion, bankruptcy or dissolution of a member or the occurrence of any other event which terminates the continued membership of a member of the Limited Liability Company if (i) there are at least one remaining member; and (ii) the legal existence and business of the Company is continued by a written consent of all the remaining member(s) within 90 days after a member's cessation of membership.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

The Company shall be managed by its members.

## ARTICLE IX

The members of the Company shall have no liability for any debt, obligation, or liability of the company, as provided in the Alabama Limited Liability Company Act.

# ARTICLE X

The organizer of the Company is:

Blake Beard 807 Reach Crest Birmingham, Alabama 35242

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned organizer has executed these Articles of

Organization this A day of May 2011.

Blake Beard

This instrument was prepared by: Raymond P. Fitzpatrick, Jr. 1929 Third Avenue North, Suite 600 Birmingham, Alabama 35203

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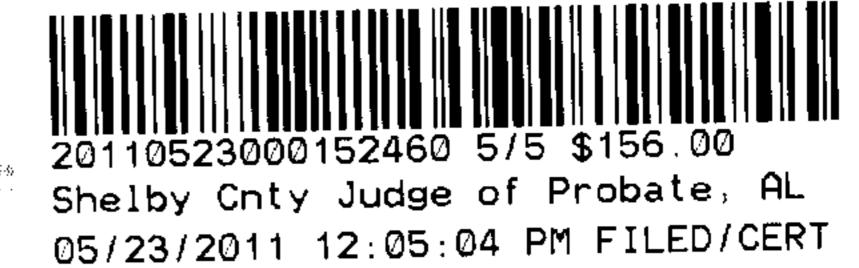
STATE OF ALABAMA			

COUNTY OF SHELBY )

Subscribed, sworn to and acknowledged before me by Blake Beard, this 2 day of May 2011.

Notary Public/

My Commission Expussion Expires January 26, 2015



Beth Chapman Secretary of State

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

# STATE OF ALABAMA

I, Beth Chapman, 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 Title 10A, Chapter 1, Article 5, Code of Alabama 1975, and upon an examination of the entity records on file in this office, the following entity name is reserved as available:

The Beard Company, LLC.

This domestic limited liability company name is proposed to be formed in Shelby County and is for the exclusive use of BLAKE BEARD, 807 REACH CREST, BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242 for a period of one hundred twenty days beginning May 12, 2011 and expiring September 10, 2011



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.

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