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**APPLICATION BY FOREIGN CORPORATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO TRANSACT  
BUSINESS IN FLORIDA**

*IN COMPLIANCE WITH SECTION 607.1503, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE FOLLOWING IS SUBMITTED TO  
REGISTER A FOREIGN CORPORATION TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.*

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1. National Fire Protection, Inc.

(Name of corporation; must include the word "INCORPORATED", "COMPANY", "CORPORATION" or words or abbreviations of like import in language as will clearly indicate that it is a corporation instead of a natural person or partnership if not so contained in the name at present.)

2. Delaware

(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated)

3. 52-1514849

(FEI number, if applicable)

4. April 14, 1987

(Date of incorporation)

5. Perpetual

(Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. April 1 2000

(Date first transacted business in Florida.) (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.)

7. 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

(Current mailing address)

8. Installation and sales of sprinkler systems

(Purpose(s) of corporation authorized in home state or country to be carried out in state of Florida)

9. **Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box or Mail Drop Box NOT acceptable)**

Name: Corporation Service Company

Office Address: 1201 Hays Street

Tallahassee, Florida, 32301  
(Zip code)

10. **Registered agent's acceptance:**

*Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this application, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.*

Corporation Service Company

By: [Signature]

(Registered agent's signature)

11. Attached is a certificate of existence duly authenticated, not more than 90 days prior to delivery of this application to the Department of State, by the Secretary of State or other official having custody of corporate records in the jurisdiction under the law of which it is incorporated.

12. Names and addresses of officers and/or directors: (Street address **ONLY** - P.O. Box **NOT** acceptable)

**A. DIRECTORS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)**

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Vice Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Director: Jay Berkowitz

Address: 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Director: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. OFFICERS (Street address only - P.O. Box NOT acceptable)**

President: Jay Berkowitz

Address: 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Vice President: Frank Buell

Address: 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Secretary: Gary Maguire

Address: 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

Treasurer: Jay Berkowitz

Address: 515 Dover Road, Suite 266

Rockville, Maryland 20850

**NOTE:** If necessary, you may attach an addendum to the application listing additional officers and/or directors.

13. \_\_\_\_\_

(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. Jay Berkowitz, President

(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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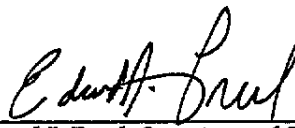
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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE TWENTY-FIRST DAY OF MARCH, A.D. 2000.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE SAID "NATIONAL FIRE PROTECTION, INC." WAS INCORPORATED ON THE FOURTEENTH DAY OF APRIL, A.D. 1987.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE BEEN PAID TO DATE.



  
Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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