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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. 1 Mercantile Real Estate Co., 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) (FEI number, if applicable) 5. Perpetual 4. 06/06/1975 (Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual") word with (Date first transacted business in Florida. If corporation has not transacted business in Florida, insert "upon qualification.") (SEE SECTIONS 607.1501, 607.1502 and 817.155, F.S.) 7 1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, AR 72201 (Principal office address) (Current mailing address) For all purposes which business can lawfully be conducted in this state (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) C T Corporation System Name: Office Address: 1200 South Pine Island Road Plantation 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

By:

(Registered agent's signature)

duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

. I. Miles, Asst. Secretary

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 business addresses of officers and/or directors:

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Mercantile Real Estate Co., Inc.

1600 Cantrell Road, Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

Director

William Dillard, II Alex Dillard Paul J. Schroeder, Jr. James I. Freeman

Officers

William Dillard, II Alex Dillard

Paul J. Schroeder, Jr.

James I. Freeman John Hawkins

James W. Cherry, Jr.

Steven K. Nelson

President

Vice President

Vice President / Secretary

Vice President / Asst. Secretary

Vice President / Treasurer / Asst. Secretary

Vice President Asst. Secretary

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I, HARRIET SMITH WINDSOR, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "MERCANTILE REAL ESTATE CO., 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 FOURTH DAY OF MAY, A.D. 2001.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE ANNUAL REPORTS HAVE BEEN FILED TO DATE.

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

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Warriet Smith Windson, Secretary of State

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