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TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

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SUBJECT: THE PARK AVENUE BANK

(Name of corporation - must include suffix)

Dear Sir or Madam:

00789-00511-00059-00671

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida", "Certificate of Existence", and check are submitted to register the above referenced foreign corporation to transact business in Florida.

Please return all correspondence concerning this matter to the following:

W01-14428

ERIC A. KOONTZ

(Name of Person)

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TROUTMAN SANDERS LLP

(Firm/Company)

*****78.75 *****78.75

600 PEACHTREE STREET, SUITE 5200

(Address)

ATLANTA, GEORGIA 30308

(City/State and Zip code)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

ERIC A. KOONTZ

(Name of Person)

at (404) 885-3309

(Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number)

STREET ADDRESS:

Registration Section
Division of Corporations
409 E. Gaines St.
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P.O. Box 6327
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Enclosed is a check for the following amount:

- ☐ \$70.00 Filing Fee ☐ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certificate of Status ☒ \$78.75 Filing Fee & Certified Copy ☐ \$87.50 Filing Fee, Certificate of Status & Certified Copy



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

June 21, 2001

ERIC A. KOONTZ
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ATLANTA, GA 30308

SUBJECT: THE PARK AVENUE BANK
Ref. Number: W01000014428

We have received your document for THE PARK AVENUE BANK and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the terms BANK, BANKER, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, BANCSHARES, SAVINGS & LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK, or CREDIT UNION or words of similar import, must be obtained from the Division of Banking, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes.

Enclosed is a "Name Approval Request" form to be filled out and sent to the address indicated on the form. If the proposed name is approved by the Division of Banking, resubmit the document and approval letter to the Division of Corporations for filing.

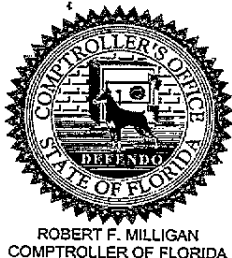
A brief description of the entity's nature of business must be included in the document.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 487-6051.

Michelle Hodges
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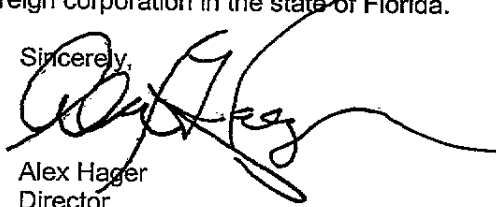
Dear Mr. Koontz:

Re: "The Park Avenue Bank"

Thank you for your recent letter/fax requesting approval for use of the above-referenced corporate name which is a Georgia state-chartered financial institution located in Valdosta, Georgia. Effective June 22, Friendship Community Bank, a state-chartered financial institution located in Ocala, Florida, merged with and into "The Park Avenue Bank" with the resulting title "The Park Avenue Bank".

As Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union" in its corporate name, the Division of Banking will not object to the use of the above corporate name being registered to transact business as a foreign corporation in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,



Alex Hager
Director

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Corporate Records,
Division of Corporations, Secretary of State's Office

**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. THE PARK AVENUE BANK
(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. GEORGIA 3. 58-0977240
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)
4. 1971 5. PERPETUAL
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")
6. UPON QUALIFICATION (NOT BEFORE JUNE 22, 2001 - DATE OF MERGER WITH FRIENDSHIP COMMUNITY BANK)
(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. 3102 NORTH OAK STREET EXTENSION, VALDOSTA, GEORGIA 31602
(Principal office address)
3102 NORTH OAK STREET EXTENSION, VALDOSTA, GEORGIA 31602
(Current mailing address)
8. General commercial banking business
(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: JOHN CLAY GIBSON
Office Address: 8375 SW STATE ROAD, 200
OCALA, Florida 34481
(City) (Zip code)

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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.


(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 business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: SEE ATTACHMENT

Address:

Vice Chairman:

Address:

Director:

Address:

Director:

Address:

B. OFFICERS

President: SEE ATTACHMENT

Address:

Vice President:

Address:

Secretary:

Address:

Treasurer:

Address:

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

13. William S. Cowart, President
(Signature of Chairman, Vice Chairman, or any officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. William S. Cowart, President
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

ATTACHMENT

A. DIRECTORS

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B. OFFICERS

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President and Chief Executive Officer
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

R. Ray Chitty
Executive Vice President, Treasurer
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

Nita Brantley
Secretary
Valdosta, Georgia 31602

Secretary of State
Corporations Division
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CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

I, Cathy Cox, the Secretary of State of the State of Georgia, do hereby certify under the seal of my office that as of the above print date

is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated.

Said entity was formed in the jurisdiction stated above or was authorized to transact business in Georgia on the above date and has not filed articles of dissolution, certificate of cancellation or any other similar document with the Office of the Secretary of State.

This certificate relates only to the legal existence of the above-named entity as of the print date above. It does not certify whether or not a notice of intent to dissolve, an application for withdrawal, a statement of commencement of winding up or any other similar document has been filed or is pending with the Secretary of State.

This certificate is issued pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence that said entity is in existence or is authorized to transact business in this state.

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Cathy Cox

Cathy Cox
Secretary of State