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## FOREIGN PROFIT/NONPROFIT CORPORATION

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July 20, 2007

Ms. Andrea S. Stegall, CEP  
Vice President - Corporate Governance Compliance  
The South Financial Group  
104 South Main Street  
Greenville, South Carolina 29601

Re: Mercantile Bank, a Division of Carolina First Bank

Dear Ms. Stegall:

Reference is made to your recent letter/fax requesting approval of the above-referenced name which is a state-chartered financial institution located in Greenville, South Carolina.

As Section 655.922, Florida Statutes, exempts a financial institution, holding company or its subsidiaries from the prohibition of using the word "bank," "banco," "banque," "banker," "banking," "trust company," "savings and loan association," "savings bank," or "credit union," or words of similar import, in any context or in any manner in its corporate name.

This Office will not object to the use of the above financial institution being registered to transact business as a foreign corporation in the state of Florida.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Charity  
Director

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings, Division of Corporations, Department of State  
Bank Regulation-District I

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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. Carolina First Bank**

(Enter name of corporation; must include "INCORPORATED," "COMPANY," "CORPORATION,"  
"Inc.," "Co.," "Corp.," "Inc.," "Co.," or "Corp.")

(If name unavailable in Florida, enter alternate corporate name adopted for the purpose of transacting business in Florida)

**2. South Carolina**

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

**3.**

(FEI number, if applicable)

**4. Nov. 20, 1986**

(Date of incorporation)

**5.**

**Perpetual**

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

**6. July 1, 2007**

(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

**7. 104 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601**

(Principal office address)

**104 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601**

(Current mailing address)

**8. Banking**

(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 NOT acceptable)**

Name: **CT Corporation System**

Office Address: **1200 South Pine Island Rd.**

**Plantation**

(City)

, Florida

**33324**

(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.*

*Marie Edwards*

**Marie Edwards Asst. Secretary**

(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.**

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12. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

**A. DIRECTORS**

Chairman: Mack I. Whittle, Jr.

Address: 104 S. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Vice Chairman: William S. Hummers III

Address: 104 S. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Director: See attached

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

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

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

**B. OFFICERS**

President: Maurice Spagnoletti

Address: 104 S. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Vice President: James R. Gordon

Address: 104 S. Main Street  
Greenville, SC 29601

Secretary: William P. Crawford, Jr.

Address: 104 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601

Treasurer: Mike Fowler

Address: 104 S. Main Street, Greenville, SC 29601

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

13.   
(Signature of Director or Officer listed in number 12 of the application)

14. William P. Crawford, Jr., EVP and Secretary  
(Typed or printed name and capacity of person signing application)

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**CAROLINA FIRST BANK**

NAME OF DIRECTOR	MAILING/RESIDENCE ADDRESS (STREET OR BOX #)	CITY/TOWN	STATE	ZIP CODE
Mary Rainey Belser	2512 Wheat Street	Columbia	SC	29205
Claude M. Epps, Jr.	PO Box 357	Myrtle Beach	SC	29578
Judd B. Farr (emeritus)	PO Box 2328	Greenville	SC	29602
John Grimalds	171 Moultrie Street	Charleston	SC	29409
M. Dexter Hagy	109 Laurens Road, Ste. 1D	Greenville	SC	29607
Michael R. Hogan	PO Box 1389	Myrtle Beach	SC	29577
W. Gairy Nichols, III	128 Atlantic Avenue	Garden City	SC	29576
Charles B. McElvoen	PO Box 88	Marion	SC	29571
Thomas J. Rogers	PO Box 2398	Myrtle Beach	SC	29578
H. Earle Russell, Jr.	10 Memorial Medical Drive	Greenville	SC	29605
Andrew Sorensen	USC/Room 206, Osborne Bldg.	Columbia	SC	29208
John C. B. Smith, Jr.	1401 Main Street, Ste. 1150	Columbia	SC	29202
David H. Swinton	1600 Harden Street	Columbia	SC	29204
William R. Timmons III	PO Box 1805	Greenville	SC	29602
David C. Wakefield III	PO Box 1665	Anderson	SC	29622
Mack I. Whittle, Jr.	102 South Main Street	Greenville	SC	29601

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# *The State of South Carolina*



*Office of Secretary of State Mark Hammond*

## **Certificate of Existence**

I, Mark Hammond, Secretary of State of South Carolina Hereby certify that:

### **CAROLINA FIRST BANK,**

a corporation duly organized under the laws of the State of South Carolina on November 20th, 1986, and having a perpetual duration unless otherwise indicated below, has as of the date hereof filed all reports due this office, paid all fees, taxes and penalties owed to the Secretary of State, that the Secretary of State has not mailed notice to the Corporation that it is subject to being dissolved by administrative action pursuant to section 33-14-210 of the South Carolina Code, and that the corporation has not filed articles of dissolution as of the date hereof.

Given under my Hand and the Great  
Seal of the State of South Carolina this  
9th day of July, 2007.

*Mark Hammond*  
Mark Hammond, Secretary of State