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## FOREIGN PROFIT/NONPROFIT CORPORATION

### Atlantic Coast Financial Corporation

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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. Atlantic Coast Financial Corporation**

(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. Maryland**

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

**3.**

(FEI number, if applicable)

**4. 06/22/2007**

(Date of incorporation)

**5.**

Perpetual

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

**6.**

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

**7. 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501**

(Principal office address)

505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

(Current mailing address)

**8. to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized**

(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: Robert J. Larison, Jr.

Office Address: 10151 Deerwood Park Blvd, Bldg 100, Suite 501

Jacksonville

(City)

Florida 32256

(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.*

*Robert J. Larison, Jr.*

(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: Charles E. Martin, Jr.Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501Director: Forrest W. Sweat, Jr.Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501Director: Thomas F. BeecklerAddress: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501Director: W. Eric PalmerAddress: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

## B. OFFICERS

President: Robert J. Larison, Jr., Director, President and Chief Executive OfficerAddress: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501Vice President: Dawna R. Miller, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial OfficerAddress: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501Secretary: Pamela T. SaxonAddress: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

Treasurer: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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. Robert J. Larison, Jr., President and Chief Executive Officer

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

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

Officer/Director: Jon C. Parker, Sr., Director, Senior Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer  
Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

Director: Frederick D. Franklin, Jr.  
Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

Director: Robert J. Smith  
Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

Director: H. Dennis Woods  
Address: 505 Haines Avenue, Waycross, GA 31501

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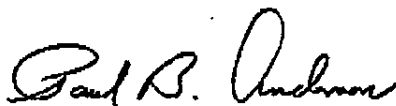
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**Department of Assessments and Taxation**

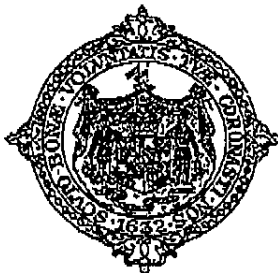
I, PAUL B. ANDERSON OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, DO HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THE DEPARTMENT, BY LAWS OF THE STATE, IS THE CUSTODIAN OF THE RECORDS OF THIS STATE RELATING TO THE FORFEITURE OR SUSPENSION OF CORPORATIONS, OR THE RIGHTS OF CORPORATIONS TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN THIS STATE, AND THAT I AM THE PROPER OFFICER TO EXECUTE THIS CERTIFICATE.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT ATLANTIC COAST FINANCIAL CORPORATION IS A CORPORATION DULY INCORPORATED AND EXISTING UNDER AND BY VIRTUE OF THE LAWS OF MARYLAND AND THE CORPORATION HAS FILED ALL ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED, HAS NO OUTSTANDING LATE FILING PENALTIES ON THOSE REPORTS, AND HAS A RESIDENT AGENT. THEREFORE, THE CORPORATION IS AT THE TIME OF THIS CERTIFICATE IN GOOD STANDING WITH THIS DEPARTMENT AND DULY AUTHORIZED TO EXERCISE ALL THE POWERS RECTED IN ITS CHARTER OR CERTIFICATE OF INCORPORATION, AND TO TRANSACT BUSINESS IN MARYLAND.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SUBSCRIBED MY SIGNATURE AND AFFIXED THE SEAL OF THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF ASSESSMENTS AND TAXATION OF MARYLAND AT BALTIMORE ON THIS JULY 24, 2007.



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