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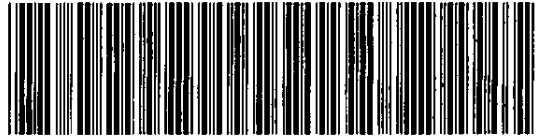
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May 04, 2010

Ms. Becky McKnight  
New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**Re: Tifton Banking Company  
Application to Transact Business in Florida  
Reference No. W1000002083**

Dear Ms. Mcknight:

Please find enclosed with this letter correspondence from the Office of Financial Regulation allowing use of the above name. I have also enclosed with this letter the revised application and one copy of the same. You will notice that I have deleted paragraph 6 because the bank has not conducted business in Florida up to this point. This was an oversight on my part as the form was filled out by an officer of the bank. Because the bank has not conducted business in Florida, I have not included payment for any civil penalty. If there are any problems with the change, just let me know.

I trust we have now done all that is needed to have the bank registered to conduct business in Florida. If we need to do anything further, please let me know. Again I would ask that you send the letter of acknowledgment to me at the above address once the bank has received authority to conduct business.

Your assistance is very much appreciated and I apologize for my errors. Please contact me should you need additional information.

Yours very truly,



J. Shane Hudson

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May 4, 2010

Mr. J. Shane Hudson  
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Post Office Box 1165  
Tifton, GA 31793

Re: Tifton Banking Company

Dear Mr. Hudson:

Reference is made to your recent fax requesting approval of the above-referenced name which is a established locally owned community bank located in Tifton, Georgia.

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. The Office will not object to the use of the above name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida. This does not authorize the institution to engage in banking or insurance business in the state of Florida. Proper regulatory approvals will be required.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Linda B. Charity".

Linda B. Charity  
Director

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cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings, Division of Corporations,  
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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

April 29, 2010

J. SHANE HUDSON  
PO BOX 1165  
TIFTON, GA 31793

SUBJECT: TIFTON BANKING COMPANY  
Ref. Number: W10000020873

We have received your document for TIFTON BANKING COMPANY and your check(s) totaling \$70.00. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Written approval and clearance of the words BANK, BANC, BANCO, BANQUE, BANKER, BANKING, TRUST COMPANY, SAVINGS AND LOAN ASSOCIATION, SAVINGS BANK or CREDIT UNION, or words of similar import in any context or any manner must be obtained from the Office of Financial Regulation, pursuant to section 655.922(2a), Florida Statutes.

Enclosed is a "Corporate Name Approval Request" form to be completed and sent to the address indicated on the form. If the proposed name is approved by the Office of Financial Institutions, resubmit the document and the approval letter to the Division of Corporations for filing. The Office of Financial Institutions' phone number is 850-410-9800.

According to the application submitted to this office, this entity transacted business in the state of Florida before properly registering with the Florida Department of State, Division of Corporations. Consequently, a \$500 civil penalty and an annual report filing fee for each year the entity failed to properly file a Florida annual report are due this office. Based on the date entered on the application, the civil penalty and annual report filing fees total \$1,100.00.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of 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) 245-6931.

Becky McKnight  
Regulatory Specialist II  
New Filing Section

Letter Number: 010A00010683

## COVER LETTER

**TO:** New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations

**SUBJECT:**

Tifton Banking Company  
Name of corporation - must include suffix

Dear Sir or Madam:

The enclosed "Application by Foreign Corporation for Authorization to Transact Business in Florida," "Certificate of Existence," or "Certificate of Good Standing" 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:

J. Shane Hudson

Name of Person

Sims Fleming, Benson & Hudson

Firm/Company

PO Box 1165

Address

Tifton GA 31793

City/State and Zip code

jshudson@sfopc.com

E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

J. Shane Hudson

Name of Person

at ( 229 ) 386-0964

Area Code & Daytime Telephone Number

**STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:**

New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
Clifton Building  
2661 Executive Center Circle  
Tallahassee, FL 32301

**MAILING ADDRESS:**

New Filing Section  
Division of Corporations  
P.O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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

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. Tifton Banking Company  
(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. Georgia 3. 20-1653118  
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. 6-22-2004 5. Perpetual  
(Date of incorporation) (Duration: Year corp. will cease to exist or "perpetual")

6. 2006  
(Date first transacted business in Florida, if prior to registration)  
(SEE SECTIONS 607.1501 & 607.1502, F.S., to determine penalty liability)

7. 729 West Second Street Tifton, GA 31794  
(Principal office address)

P.O. Box 7606 Tifton, GA 31793  
(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)

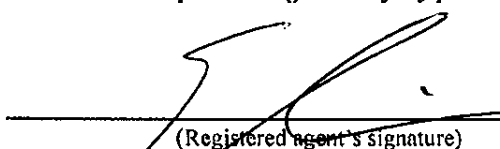
Name: E. Dylan Rivers

Office Address: 123 South Calhoun Street

Tallahassee, Florida 32301  
(City) (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.

  
(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: See Attached

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**B. OFFICERS**

President: \_\_\_\_\_

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. E. Patton Kaefer, Jr. President/CEO

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

14. E. Patton Kaefer, Jr. PRESIDENT/CEO

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

Directors of Tifton Banking Company:

- 1) Harold Harper, Sr. – Chairman
- 2) G. Patton Hall, Jr. – CEO/President
- 3) Don Pearson
- 4) Earl Branch
- 5) Beverly Sterling
- 6) Frank McGill
- 7) Ray Cross
- 8) James Scott, MD
- 9) Jack Stone
- 10) Roy Jackson
- 11) Harold Harper, Jr.
- 12) Derrick Jones

Officers of Tifton Banking Company:

- 1) G. Patton Hall, Jr. – CEO/President
- 2) Virginia, Goff – CFO
- 3) Chris Carter – CCO
- 4) Michael Spinks – VP
- 5) Jake Cleghorn – AVP

Mailing address for Directors and Officers of Tifton Banking Company:

P.O. Box 7606  
Tifton, Georgia 31793

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# STATE OF GEORGIA

## Secretary of State

Corporations Division

315 West Tower

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Atlanta, Georgia 30334-1530

## CERTIFICATE OF EXISTENCE

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I, Brian P. Kemp, Secretary of State and the Corporations Commissioner of the state of Georgia, hereby certify under the seal of my office that

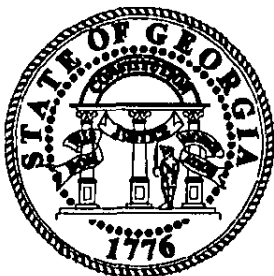
### TIFTON BANKING COMPANY

#### Domestic Bank

was duly incorporated on 06/22/2004 in Georgia. Said corporation is in compliance with the applicable filing and annual registration provisions of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and has not filed articles of dissolution.

This certificate is issued under the authority of Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated and is prima-facie evidence of the existence or nonexistence of the facts stated herein.

This certificate applies only to filings pursuant to Title 14 of the Official Code of Georgia Annotated. Information concerning bank related filings must be certified by the Georgia Department of banking and Finance.



WITNESS my hand and official seal of the City of Atlanta and the State of Georgia on 8th day of April, 2010

*B. P. Kemp*

Brian P. Kemp  
Secretary of State