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TO: New Filing Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Business First Bank

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:

Mary M. Calcote, Esq.

Name of Person

Smith Hulsey & Busey

Firm/Company

PO Box 53315

Address

Jacksonville FL 32201-3315

City/State and Zip code

Jason.Siegele@b1bank.com

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

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Mary M. Calcote, Esq.

Name of Person

at (904) 359-7716

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



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

August 11, 2011

MARY M CALCOTE, ESQ.
SMITH HULSEY & BUSEY
PO BOX 53315
JACKSONVILLE, FL 32201-3315

SUBJECT: BUSINESS FIRST BANK
Ref. Number: W11000042075

We have received your document for BUSINESS FIRST BANK 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.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6879.

Ruby Dunlap
Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 511A00018888



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MAILING ADDRESS: Division of Financial Institutions, 200 East Gaines Street, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0371
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J. THOMAS CARDWELL
COMMISSIONER

August 8, 2011

Mary M. Calcote, Esq.
Smith Hulsey 7 Busey
Post Office Box 53315
Jacksonville, FL 32201-3315

Re: Business First Bank

Dear Ms. Calcote:

Reference is made to your recent letter/fax requesting approval of the above name, which is a state chartered bank located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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, trust or insurance business or any other licensed activity in the state of Florida. Proper regulatory approvals will be required.

Sincerely,

Linda B. Charity
Director

LBC:bk

cc: Karon Beyer, Chief, Bureau of Commercial Recordings, Division of Corporations,
Department of State

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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. Business 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. Louisiana 3. 20-3977125
(State or country under the law of which it is incorporated) (FEI number, if applicable)

4. October 14, 2005 5. Perpetual
(Date of incorporation) (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. 8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 101, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809
(Principal office address)

8440 Jefferson Highway, Suite 101, Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70809
(Current mailing address)

8. To engage in any lawful activity permitted to state banking corporations
(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)

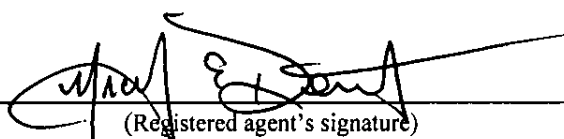
Name: Michael E. Demont, Esq., Smith Hulsey & Busey

Office Address: 225 Water Street, Suite 1800

Jacksonville, Florida 32202
(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: Interim - Robert Greer

Address: 9543 Fenway Ave.

Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Vice Chairman: _____

Address: _____

Director: David Pitts

Address: 7946 Goodwood Blvd.

Baton Rouge, LA 70806

Director: John Engquist

Address: 9713 Myrtle Lane

Baton Rouge, LA 70810

B. OFFICERS

President: David R. Melville

Address: 8440 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Vice President: Robert D. Bond

Address: 8440 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Secretary: Sonya Burton

Address: 8440 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

Treasurer: Steven W. Champney

Address: 8440 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70809

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

13. 

Signature of Director or Officer

The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 12 above) affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that he or she is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

14. David R. Melville, CEO

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

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS - BUSINESS FIRST BANK

Last Name	First Name	MI	Place of Business	Business Address
Alford	Lloyd (Benny)	B	Benny's Carwash	9607 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70815
Borne	William	F	Amedisys	5959 S. Sherwood Forest Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA 70817
Brown	James	D	James M. Brown Builder, Inc.	1619 Jimmie Davis Hwy., Bossier City, LA 71112
Cox	Sue Anne		Kleinpeter Dairy	14444 Airline Highway, Baton Rouge, LA 70817
Engquist	John		H & E Equipment Services	11100 Mead Road Suite 200, Baton Rouge, LA 70816
Gaffney	Peter	J	Heard, McElroy & Vestal, LLP	PO Box 1607, Shreveport, LA 71165-1607
Graves	John		Evans-Graves Engineers, Inc.	9029 Jefferson Hwy., Suite 200 Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Greer	Robert		Lemic Insurance	9543 Fenway Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Holman	William		Baton Rouge General	3600 Florida Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Laborde	Tracy		Laborde Products	74257 Hwy. 25, Covington, LA 70435
Melville	David "Jude"		Business First Bank	800 Spring Street, Suite 120 Shreveport, LA 71101
McCollister	Rolfe		The Business Report	9029 Jeffeson Hwy., Suite 300 Baton Rouge, LA 70809
McLindon	Andrew		MBD Companies	8305 Tom Drive, Baton Rouge LA 70815
Mockler	Patrick		Mockler Beverage	11811 Reiger Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70809
Montgomery, Jr.	David		Montgomery Agency, Inc.	209 Bennett Street, Bossier City, LA 71111
Nguyen	Kevin		Nguyen American, LLC	PO Box 80296 Baton Rouge, LA 70898
Noland	Nanette		The Powell Group	5667 Bankers Ave., Baton Rouge, LA 70808
Pitts	David	R	Pitts Management	7946 Goodwood Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70806
Price	Art		Badger Oil	P O Box 53781, Lafayette, LA 70505
Roemer	Charles "Buddy"	E	Business First Bank	5110 Corporate Blvd., BR LA 70808
Shamieh	Fayez K., Dr.			707 S. Ryan Street, Lake Charles, LA 70601-5728
Shehee	Margaret	S		P O Box 88, Shreveport, LA 71161
Shill	Dennis	C	Business First Bank	5111 Corporate Blvd., BR LA 70808
Slack	Stewart		Slack Alost Architecture	308 Market Street, Suite 100
Stewart	Everett	T	Lamar	P O Box 80741, BR LA 70898

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Temple	Aubrey		Temple Investments, LLC	546 Shady Lake Parkway, Baton Rouge, LA 70810
White	Steve			
Williams	Ronnie	Rev.	Camelot College	2618 Wooddale Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70805
Yarborough	Robert		Manda Fine Meats	2445 Sorrel Avenue, Baton Rouge, LA 70802

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STATE OF LOUISIANA
OFFICE OF FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS
BATON ROUGE, LOUISIANA



IT IS HEREBY CERTIFIED THAT

BUSINESS FIRST BANK,

domiciled in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana,

was issued a Certificate of Authority

to conduct the business of banking under

the laws of the State of Louisiana, effective February 1, 2006,

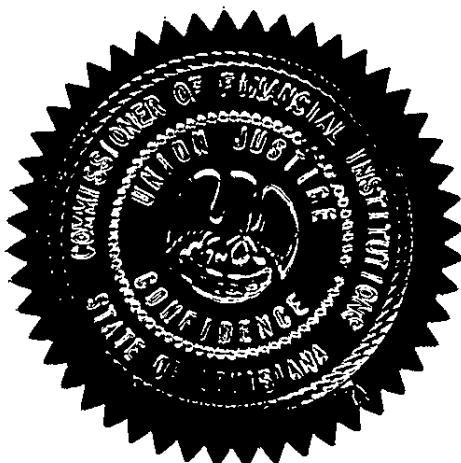
and that

BUSINESS FIRST BANK,

domiciled in Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana,

is currently operating pursuant to said Certificate.

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In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set
my hand and caused the seal of my Office
to be affixed at the City of Baton Rouge
on July 21, 2011.

John Ducrest, CPA
Commissioner of Financial Institutions