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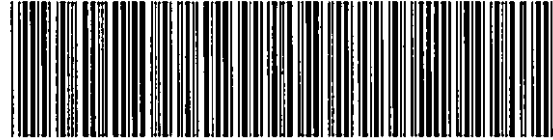
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TO: Registration Section
Division of Corporations

SUBJECT: Business First Bank, Inc
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:

Russell Gahagan
Name of Person

Business First Bank, Inc.
Firm/Company

500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Address

Baton Rouge, LA 70801
City/State and Zip code

russell.gahagan@b1bank.com
E-mail address: (to be used for future annual report notification)

For further information concerning this matter, please call:

Russell Gahagan at (225) 932-8908
Name of Person Area Code Daytime Telephone Number

STREET/COURIER ADDRESS:

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

MAILING ADDRESS:

Registration 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

June 27, 2018

RUSSELL GAHAGAN
500 LAUREL ST. STE 101
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

SUBJECT: BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC.
Ref. Number: W18000059530

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CORPORATIONS DIVISION

We have received your document for BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. 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.

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.

The name and title of the person signing the document must be noted beneath or opposite the signature.

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

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) 245-6051.

Dionne M Scott
Regulatory Specialist II

Letter Number: 418A00013363



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

July 25, 2018

RUSSELL GAHAGAN
500 LAUREL ST
STE 101
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801

SUBJECT: BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC.
Ref. Number: W18000067904

We have received your document for BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

You failed to make the correction(s) requested in our previous letter.

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

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) 245-6051.

Brittany M Figueroa
Regulatory Specialist II
Registration/Qualification Section

Letter Number: 518A00015333



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

September 10, 2018

RUSSELL GAHAGAR
500 LAUREL ST STE 101
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801 US

SUBJECT: BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC
Ref. Number: W18000080564



We have received your document for BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The name listed in number one of the application must be identical to the name listed in the certificate of existence.

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) 245-6051.

Janeice L Smith
Regulatory Specialist II
Registration Section

Letter Number: 618A00018685



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Division of Corporations

October 5, 2018

RUSSELL GAHAGAR
BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC.
500 LAUREL STREET, SUITE 101
BATON ROUGE, LA 70801 US

SUBJECT: BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC
Ref. Number: W18000080564

We have received your document for BUSINESS FIRST BANK, INC and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the document has not been filed and is being retained in this office for the following:

We regret that we were unable to contact you by phone. Please return the corrected document with a letter providing us with a telephone number where you can be reached during working hours.

If the company was registered somewhere other than the Secretary of State of Louisiana, we must a certificate within the past 90 days from that initial filing agency or Financial institute.

A certificate of existence or a certificate of good standing, dated no more than 90 days prior to the delivery of the application to the Department of State, duly authenticated by the secretary of state or other official having custody of the records in the jurisdiction under the laws of which it is incorporated/organized, must be submitted to this office. A translation of the certificate under oath of the translator must be attached to a certificate which is in a language other than the English language. A photocopy of this certificate is not acceptable.

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Nanette Causseaux
Regulatory Specialist II Supervisor

Letter Number: 018A00020775



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PAMELA P. EPTING
INTERIM COMMISSIONER

July 18, 2018

Mr. Russell Gahagan
Business First Bank
500 Laurel Street, Suite 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Re: Business First Bank, Inc.

Dear Mr. Gahagan:

Reference is made to your recent letter requesting approval to register the above-referenced fictitious name with the Florida Secretary of State by Business First Bank, Inc. which is a FDIC regulated state chartered bank located in Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

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. Therefore, this Office will not object to the use of the above referenced name being registered to transact business in the state of Florida. However, this correspondence is not intended to grant the authority to act in any licensed capacity until all licensing requirements have been met within this state.

Sincerely,

Jeremy W. Smith
Director
Division of Financial Institutions

JWS:trd

cc: Lyn Shoffstall, 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, Inc.
(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. 2006 5. _____
(Date of incorporation) (Date of duration, if other than 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. 500 Laurel St Ste. 101 Baton Rouge, LA 70801
(Principal office address)

(Current mailing address, if different)

8. Name and street address of Florida registered agent: (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

Name: Jennifer Stewart

Office Address: 141 SW 70th St

Ocala, Florida 34476
(City) (Zip code)

9. 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.

Jennifer Stewart
(Registered agent's signature)

10. 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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11. Names and business addresses of officers and/or directors:

A. DIRECTORS

Chairman: Robert Green

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Vice Chairman: Rolfe McCallister

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Director: Stewart Slack

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Director: Arthur Price

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

B. OFFICERS

President: David Melville President & CEO

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Vice President: Gregory Robertson EVP & CFO

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101
Baton Rouge, LA 70801


Secretary: Heather Roemer

Address: 500 Laurel St. Ste. 101, Baton Rouge, LA 70801

Treasurer: N/A

Address: _____

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

12. 
Signature of Director or Officer

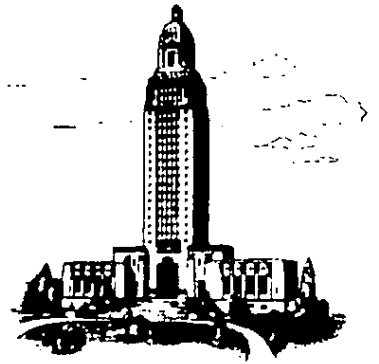
The officer or director signing this document (and who is listed in number 11 above) affirms that the facts stated herein are true and that he or she is aware that false information submitted in a document to the Department of State constitutes a third degree felony as provided for in s.817.155, F.S.

13. Gregory Robertson

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



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 October 22, 2018.

John Ducrest, CPA
Commissioner of Financial Institutions